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GERMANY IN THE LEAGUE.

WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE NEEDED.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 27.

Mr. H. H. Asquith in the House of Commons asked for information concerning the situation in West Europe, especially regarding the reports that French organisations are energetically perfecting a system of local agreements which will convert the occupied territories into a special reparations preserve by methods which will practically ruin the industries concerned and seriously impair Germany's power to stabilise her currency.

BRITAIN'S PREMIER.

Mr. Asquith expressed disquietude lest the administration in the Saar should be exercising arbitrary powers unknown in democratic countries.

FRANCE'S RUHR POLICY.

The Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, replying, said the British Government, after investigation had concluded that the agreements so far concluded between French and Belgian industrial organisations in the Ruhr and Rhineland and German industrialists had not conflicted with the Peace Treaty or the reparations settlement.

There had been indeed attempts to make these agreements an occasion for redistribution of the reparations settlements in regard to which the Government had hitherto successfully protested and would continue to protest.

The British Government had insisted that the commissions and committees established under the Treaty of Versailles should strictly confine themselves to their constitutional functions, including particularly those in the Saar and Palatinate.

SPECIAL PACTS USELESS.

Mr. MacDonald said that the difficulties in the Palatinate were of especially great account as "the Separatist movements are supported not merely from inside." (Liberal cheers.)

Passing to the question of security, Mr. MacDonald emphasised his conviction that France would never get security by special pacts.

The British Government aimed at securing the moral guarantee of a body like the League of Nations but certain things must first be done.

The question of reparations must be settled. The problem of security in the event of a full agreement on reparations presented very slight difficulties but it would be very grave if it were merely an agreement between the Allies and a sulky Germany.

WORLD PEACE NO MERE DREAM.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said the Allies must make up their minds that Germany was bound to enter the League of Nations (Ministerial cheers).

If the difficulties due to the occupation of the Ruhr were cleared up then he would like to see an invitation signed by France, America, Italy, and Britain to all the nations of the world to consider the whole question of disarmament.

That was no mere dream, because there was a stronger body of men in responsible positions throughout the world than ever before who were anxious to support a government which was working to that end.

Mr. MacDonald concluded by declaring that he was very anxious to have the question of Jubaland and Dodecanese settled in order to remove the cause of Anglo-Italian irritation.

LLOYD GEORGE SCEPTICAL.

Mr. Lloyd George complained of the vagueness of Mr. MacDonald's statement.

He drew attention to M. Poincare's declaration that French troops would remain in the Rhineland until the reparations were discharged and declared that if the experts recommended a reduction in the assessment against Germany an abatement should be made all round.

He concluded by saying that no people on earth gave away less for sentiment than the French.

UNITED STATES OVERTURES.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.

Senator Borah has lodged a resolution in the Senate calling on the President to invite such nations as it is deemed wise to a combined economic and disarmament conference at Washington, especially to consider the limitation of the size of submarines to 10,000 tons.

Mr. Pensonby, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, referring to the proposal to call an international disarmament conference, said the Government had such in view, but it did not signify much whether the conference was called by one or two Powers, or by the League.

RUGGER IN THE RAIN.

WALES DEFEATS FRANCE.

PARIS, March 27.

At Rugger in heavy rain before thirty thousand spectators Wales beat France by 10 points to 6.

A continuous downpour prevailed and light was of the poorest. The Frenchmen held their own in the first half that were handicapped by the muddy ground after the interval when they never looked like scoring.

After 5 minutes' play Jones got away with the ball from the line-out and dropped a beautiful goal. Then Jones secured in the centre and sent to Richards who (after a fine run) scored a converted try for France. Following a Welsh rush forward, Joe Jones scored an unconverted try. Next the interval Lubin scored a try for France making the half-time score Wales 7, France 6.

On the resumption the Welsh forwards pressed heavily and after ten minutes Richards scored a try. Afterwards the Welsh pack dominated the game, Wales winning by 10 points to 6.

(Other news on page 6.)

LONDON'S STRIKE TROUBLES.

GOVERNMENT'S EMERGENCY MEASURES.

MITIGATING THE HARDSHIPS.

PREMIER'S HOPES FOR SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, March 27.

Amid Labour cries of "Oh!" and Opposition cheers, Lord Curzon asked whether the emergency committee of Ministers whose establishment Mr. MacDonald foreshadowed yesterday had made any proposals to mitigate the hardships resulting from the tram and bus strike in London, what the Government proposed to do to protect the public if the strike extended, as threatened, to other essential services and whether the Government would fully protect those prepared to maintain these services.

The Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied that the committee had formulated proposals. He hoped that in the public interest the rest of the question would be postponed as he had arranged to see all the interests concerned to-night to negotiate a certain offer.

BREWING FOR MONTHS.

LONDON, March 27.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking in the House of Commons, announced the resumption of negotiations in the traffic dispute to-night. The conference had adjourned until to-morrow. He had found both sides very desirous of effecting a settlement.

The Premier bewailed the fact that since the beginning of the year a whole series of industrial disputes maturing for months and even years had come to a head.

The Government would do its best to meet the public convenience while the dispute lasted and in the event of its spreading. The first step would be to issue a proclamation of a state of emergency.

Every hospital would be provided with facilities for bringing and taking away patients. Larger public service must be maintained, and the Government must protect those engaged in their legal occupations.

He emphasised that the Government would not act merely as a strike-breaking organisation.

THE ONLY RULE.

Mr. MacDonald, after referring to various outside suggestions to cope with the strike, including flooding the streets with soldiers and commandeering employers' property and material, declared the only rule the Government would adopt was the rule of practical convenience. That was quiet, calm action that told in the end, and the Government would do nothing to broaden or deepen existing divisions.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Leader of the Opposition, entirely approved the Government's foresight in making the proclamation.

He hope later on the Government and the House would consider what was possibly the most serious question the country had to face, namely how to get some kind of even temporary peace in industry that would give the country a chance of recovering.

Mr. Lloyd George supported the suggestion regards commandeering if there was sufficient voluntary assistance. The Premier need not imagine this was the extreme proposal from which any section of the House would shrink if it was necessary.

NAVAL BASE VITAL.

AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S WARNING.

WHOLE EMPIRE'S NEEDS.

MELBOURNE, March 27.

In the House of Representatives, the Premier Mr. S. M. Bruce reviewed the work of the Imperial Conferences and emphasised Australia's determination to have a voice in framing foreign policy while remaining within the Empire.

He considered it incomprehensible that some members should regard the Singapore base as unnecessary. He himself was convinced that the abandonment of the base would seriously prejudice peace and that its construction would strengthen the League of Nations.

He was confident the House of Commons would ultimately give a decision based on the needs of the whole Empire.

The Government, however did not intend to take any alternative action towards the provision of a naval base although if Mr. Macdonald's and the Government's views were modified it would be necessary for the Australian Government to consider action to provide what they believed to be an absolutely vital essential.

"If we cannot look to Britain we must look to ourselves."

TIT FOR TAT.

RUSSIA COUNTERS BRITAIN.

HUGE CLAIMS.

RIGA March 27.

A message from Moscow states that in the course of a report on the international situation to a congress of Russian engineers, M. Zinovieff stated that Britain had presented to Russia a claim for 10,500,000,000 gold roubles, excluding three milliards representing interest on loans since 1915.

He added that Russia did not intend to make concessions in this regard and she had presented a counter-claim exceeding Britain's demands.

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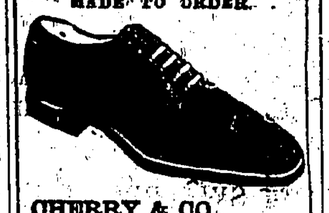

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Synthetic Alcohol.

An important process for making synthetic alcohol is now being carried out on a large industrial scale in Ludwigshafen, which marks a real advance in the synthetic production of world commodities. Wood spirit or methyl alcohol is being made by strongly heating hydrogen gas with carbon monoxide under pressure. The two gases combine and produce spirit. An important feature of the process is that the spirit is easily converted into formaldehyde, a substance of immense importance for various processes. Formaldehyde was itself recently prepared synthetically on an experimental scale by Professor E. C. Baly, of Liverpool University.

Actress Saved From Death.

One of the most sensational and daring aerial feats was performed over Houston, Texas, when Rosalie Gordon, the actress, was saved from death after an attempted parachute leap from an aeroplane had failed. She jumped from an aeroplane when more than a mile above the earth, but the parachute became entangled and held her suspended 20ft below the machine. Divolo, the acrobatic aviator, climbed down to the landing gears, but was unable to pull her up. Fred Doyle, a Houston aviator, came to the rescue in another aeroplane, and while the machines hovered the above the death he jumped on to the aeroplane and relieved the pilot, who assisted Divolo in pulling Miss Gordon back.

Gorged With Gold.

The United States is gorged with gold, according to the annual report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The report states that since the cessation of the outward flow in 1920 gold imports have amounted to more than £320,000,000. Since January 1921 the expansion of bank deposits, largely based on this gold, exceeded £1,160,000,000.

Golf At 80.

"One is not necessarily old at 80," is the dictum of Mr. William Philpot, golf instructor and club and ball maker to Prince's Golf Club, Mitcham Common, for the past 28 years. He is in his 80th year, and is the oldest golf professional in the country. He will act in the same capacities when the links, recently presented to the public by Sir H. Mallaby-Deeley, are opened as a public course. The course is to be controlled by trustees, and one of the conditions of Sir H. Mallaby-Deeley's gift is that the staff shall be retained. Among the famous parliamentary figures who have played with Mr. Philpot on the Prince's links are Lord Balfour, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, and the Duke of Devonshire, who received instruction from him. Mr. Philpot is a teetotaller and a non-smoker, an authority on chrysanthemum growing, an amateur vocalist, a choir conductor for 40 years, a political speaker, an estate agent, and a writer on golfing, which he learned at Westward Ho!

Mock Bibles.

In a tall glass case which stands in one of the busiest passages of the Central Telegraph Office, King Edwardstreet, E.C., three Bibles have been placed. A few people have wondered why these massive family Bibles, with their faultless black covers and untarnished gilt edges, have been placed among the fragments of cable, and other odds and ends in the General Post Office's museum. As a matter of fact they are hollow. They are made of something resembling tin, and there is not a single page in them. Some of our leading preachers have stood in their pulpits tapping their Bibles warningly with their *pince-nez*, as they spoke of the dangers of deception, and their taps have fallen on tin boxes that they knew to be masquerading as Bibles. In them were concealed the transmitters used in connection with the electrophone, the work of which, in broadcasting concerts, sermons, and lectures, is now done on a much bigger scale by wireless. Instruments were considered out of place in pulpits; hence the massive mock Bibles.

Why The Sky Is Blue.

Professor Vigard, of Christiania University, has made a discovery which suggests that the atmosphere of the earth outside the air-stratum is shut up as if in a balloon whose wall is a solid mass of crystalline particles of nitrogen. This it is which gives the sky its blue colour, just as it is this wall that rejects the wireless telegraph waves. Without it the waves would get lost in the ether. Several other phenomena are also explained by Professor Vigard's theory.

Stag's Swim Out To Sea.

A hunt of the Kent Stag Hounds brought to a remarkable conclusion. The meet was at Tenterden, and the stag was quickly found in the Kent marshes. It ran across the Rye marshes and the Rye golf links to the seashore. The animal was well ahead of its pursuers, and it remained on the seashore about a quarter of an hour until the hounds came in sight. It then ran into the sea and waded out about a quarter of a mile, and swam a distance estimated at three-quarters of a mile. Meanwhile the hounds and followers had reached the beach, and a fishing boat was seen at sea. The followers waved to it, and pointed to the stag, which was still swimming strongly. The boat went across to the animal, which, after some difficulty, was hauled aboard. The boat then turned round, went out to sea, and nothing further has been seen of it or of the stag. One statement is that the vessel was an English shore-fishing boat, but fishermen locally state that it was a French boat.

Abraham's Birthplace.

A temple has been found at Ur, in Mesopotamia, by British and American explorers, which is claimed to be the oldest building in the world. It was built by King A-anni-pad-da, who reigned about 4500 years before the birth of Christ, and the building is thus about 6500 years old. Ur was the native place of Abraham and the city of Nebuchadnezzar. Interesting details of the excavations at Ur are given by Mr. C. Woolley, leader of the joint expedition of the British Museum and the University Museum of Pennsylvania, which has made the discoveries. The little temple is at Tel-el-Obeid, about four miles from Ur. Mr. Woolley writes:—"A broad flight of stone steps led to a platform about 20 ft. high on the south corner of which stood the temple proper, its gate-tower fronting on the stairway its fiends set back from the edge of the platform so as to leave a narrow step on which stood a row of statues of bulls sculptured in the round. These stood some 3 ft. high and were made of thin copper plates beaten up over a wooden core, their heads were turned out to face the spectator, and their horns, most of gold. Two of these statues have been restored. Around the sacred enclosure owing to the crowding of the burials under the courtyard pavement of sun-dried

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CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY the 31st March 1924 at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report & Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 10th March, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 29th March, 1924, commencing at 3 p.m.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at $5.- each up to FRIDAY March 28th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS 1924.

MEMBERS' Season Tickets are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th March 1924.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE.

LIEUT.-COL. E. D. MATTHEWS having taken over the duties of Secretary, all matters not dealing with accounts should in future be addressed to him. The Secretary's office will be with Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, who will continue to act as Treasurers.

J. B. ROSS,
Captain.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1924.

PUBLIC DINNER to Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C.

It is proposed that a dinner should be given by the Foreign Community in honour of the departing Chief Justice at the Hong Kong Hotel, on Saturday, 12th April, at 8 p.m.

Gentlemen wishing to be present should notify on or before 5th April, their intention to Colonel Robertson, Hong Kong Club, who will supply all particulars.

Hongkong, 22nd March, 1924.

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BOMBARDING THE MOON.

ROCKET EXPERIMENT NEXT SUMMER.

Professor Robert H. Goddard, head of the Physics Dept. at Clark University, Worcester, U.S.A., proposes to shoot a rocket at the moon next summer.

It is to be a continuous combustion rocket emitting powerful gases that will propel it at terrific speed through the atmosphere.

"There is no conjecture in my mind," he says, "concerning the results of next summer's experiment. We have already worked the thing out time and time again in the laboratory, but we wish to arrive at certain conclusive findings and show the simplicity of the undertaking.

"Whatever we do must be done this year. The time is ripe for it. I have certain facilities at my disposal that I may not have later. If the support we have continues, we will be ready to make our first trial next summer.

"We will release the rocket and the continuous combustion of gas and liquids will propel the projectile at a speed of six or seven miles a second through the atmosphere.

"The main thing, of course, is to develop this tremendous speed. You must have a high rate of speed to cover the first several hundred miles included in the sphere of the earth's gravitation. When we have broken through our own realm of gravity the projectile should proceed without interruption to the other planet.

SIX MILES A SECOND.

"The development of six or seven miles a second, I believe, will be simply a matter of a little more laboratory work. We already have obtained a mile and a half per second with gases and liquids.

"The last two and a half years have been the most fruitful of my research. Nine years ago the plan suggested itself to me, and I have been working on it pretty steadily since then."

The rocket he will use, Professor Goddard declares, will be of light steel. It will be narrow and tapering, like a cigar, will weigh about 15 lb., and will be 5 feet long. No high-powered machinery will "shoot off" the projectile. A rocket propels itself.

In this instance the rocket will kick itself along by means of an internal combustion engine, ignited by smokeless nitro-cellulose, and ejecting gases at a high velocity. The rocket operates as does a rapid-fire gun. Successive charges are fired in the same chamber, and the entire internal structure of the rocket involves a delicate reloading mechanism thoroughly protected by Professor Goddard by four different patents.

FOLLOWING THE LIGHT.

The scientist said a force of mechanics would be necessary to assist in working out certain details for the next few months. At the recent Cincinnati meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science the plan came up for minute discussion and won the approval of many men whose previous attitude had been one of scepticism.

A rocket equipped as the Goddard rocket will be can cover the distance to the moon—approximately 240,000 miles—in slightly more than a day and half says Professor Goddard. Instead of crashing into the moon, he says, the speed of the rocket will be regulated to temper itself when it has escaped from the earth's gravitation and lands itself upon the other planet.

The flight of the projectile will be watched by powerful telescopes, according to the New York *Tribune*. Combustible material will be provided, enabling the contact of the planet and the rocket to be marked by a flare.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of The Great Northern Telegraph Company Limited):—

Mrs Spunt Hongkong Hotel, from Kobe.
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Shimodzyuku Ryokaiboro, from Nagasaki.
Wildfire, from Kobe.
Marquee Queen's Road, from Kobe.
Shikiyoko Nipponsokai, from Kurume Sankyo, from Osaka.
3293, from Shanghai.
Kian Kee, from Amoy.
Ohui Shing, from Shanghai.
79 Elgin Street, from Shanghai.
Chan Hong Ho Yee Fong Wing Shing Street, from Paris.
Chanlnto No. 1a, New We tern Street Causeway Bay, from Shanghai.
Taok Dai, from Amoy.
1110, from Yinkow.
Chan Ji Foo 63 Caine Road, from Tientsin.

E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th March 1924.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong:—

Olliff, 18a Macdonnell Road, from Shanghai.
Durward c/o Makinson, from Saffron walden.
Elle, from Singapore.
Nedermoth, from London.

M. E. F. AIREY,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th March 1924.

POWER OF CHOICE.

PROF. ELLIOT SMITH ON EUGENICS.

Addressing the Eugenics Education Society at Gatti's Restaurant Professor G. Elliot Smith, F.R.S., said the varying temperaments of different races were patent enough, and their influence upon the intellectual and moral aspects assumed by culture in different communities could be clearly demonstrated; but it has not been generally recognised how large a part had been played by the social environment created by historical circumstances in shaping customs and beliefs and in determining intellectual and industrial progress. Many travellers, like Galton himself, had been impressed by the high intelligence and ability of certain peoples of lowly culture, and had realised that only the opportunities for profiting from what civilisation had put at our disposal had prevented such people from attaining a cultural status such as we enjoyed and suffered it.

Students of man had not yet got rid of the hoary fallacy expressed in the terms "Man's psychic unity," and "The similarity of the working of the human mind." Analysis of the implications involved in these expressions revealed only confusion of thought and inconsequence of logic; but for half a century such nonsense had wrought untold havoc, and involved a tacit negation of the historical factor in the growth of civilisation. But now that this false interpretation of man's intellectual processes was tottering towards its fall, certain ethnologists—fortunately a small minority only—were trying to bolster it up with the even more preposterous claim for the so-called "universal symbolism" of Freud and his disciples.

The problems of the mental differences of races would not be solved by such sorry expedients. The historical method was as essential for the interpretation of man's intellectual achievements as it was for the understanding of his physical evolution. Even the fringe of these questions would not be touched until anthropologists and psychologists recognised that, with all his instinctive tendencies, man was not merely a passive and plastic instrument whose destiny was shaped simply by his environment, but an active agent with a power of choice to take the fullest advantage of his inherited aptitudes.

EMBALMING KINGS.

PROLONGING PERSONAL EXISTENCE.

The practice of embalming the dead in ancient Egypt, said Professor Elliot-Smith in a recent lecture, was interesting for other reasons than as a strange and gruesome custom, which had made it possible for us to gaze upon the actual faces of the dominant personalities of the civilisation of thirty centuries ago. The connection of mummification with the development of medical science and practice was specially intimate. It familiarised the embalmers with certain aspects of the structure of the human body, and—what was far more important—prepared the minds of the people to tolerate the practice of dissection, and acquainted them with the antiseptic properties of certain vegetable and mineral substances that afterwards played an important part in the treatment of disease.

The development of the custom of mummification, moreover, was closely related to the origin of magic and medicine. The fundamental idea that prompted the invention of embalming, and determined its survival for so many centuries was the belief that it achieved something more than merely rendering the body incorruptible. It was regarded not only as a means of prolonging indefinitely the existence of the dead person, but also as a device for conferring life upon him; in other words, of preventing the cessation of his vital activities.

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Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian child's remedy, are recommended for cases of simple fever, colic, constipation, indigestion, diarrhoea, croup and colds. They make teething easy, promote healthy appetite, restful sleep and regular development, are a remedy for worms, sold by chemists, or sent post free at 50 cents the vial by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Kiangse Road, Shanghai.

KILLED BY CANNIBALS.

HEART OF UNEXPLORED COUNTRY.

Mr. George Stevens Penrose, formerly of Liskeard, Cornwall and of Plymouth, has been murdered by cannibals in Dutch New Guinea.

Since he reached the age of 16, Mr. Penrose had lived an adventurous life and had spent much time in prospecting and exploring in little-known and almost uncivilised parts.

It is now known that the place in which he was murdered was the Upper Degoel River, 400 miles inland, a spot never previously visited by white men. He had as his companion Thomas Jackson, but the latter was at the time some distance away, Mr. Penrose being alone with a native servant and carriers.

Mr. Penrose was aroused at three o'clock in the morning by a sudden attack by natives, who had crept up unseen and unheard. A shower of spears fell around him, and although he had a revolver under his pillow, he was unable to use it owing to the suddenness of the attack. Three native boys were killed and seven wounded. The cannibals built a fire, and washed the dead bodies of the native boys and ate them. This was witnessed by Mr. Penrose, who was suffering excruciating pain. Twelve hours later Mr. Jackson arrived with a rescue party, who drove the cannibals away. Mr. Penrose died after murmuring a brief account of what had happened.

FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fares prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:—

I.—In the Island of Hongkong, Caine Road and Lower Levels, and in Kowloon and New Kowloon

DAYTIMES.

Five minutes,	5 cents
Ten minutes,	10 "
Quarter hour,	15 "
Half hour,	20 "
One hour,	30 "
Every Subsequent hour,	30 "

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For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or treble respectively.

II.—In the Hill Districts.

Ten minutes,	15 cents.
Quarter hour,	20 "
Half hour,	30 "
One hour,	40 "

III.—In the New Territories.

By arrangement with the proprietor through the Police.

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I.—Lower Levels.

	With 2 Bearers	With 1 Bearer.
Ten minutes,	10 cents	20 cents
Quarter hour,	15 "	30 "
Half hour,	25 "	40 "
One hour,	35 "	60 "
Every subsequent hour,	25 "	40 "

II.—Hill Districts.

	With 2 Bearers	With 1 Bearer.
Ten minutes,	15 cents	30 cents
Quarter hour,	20 "	40 "
Half hour,	30 "	60 "
One hour,	40 "	80 "
Every subsequent hour	25 "	

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of waters in reservoirs on the 1st March 1924:—

[illegible] AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1923.	1924.
From [illegible]	10ft. 6in. Below overflow	15ft. 9in. Below overflow
From Byewash	22ft. 6in. Below overflow	23ft. 7in. Below overflow
From Intermediate	18ft. 6in. Below overflow	19ft. 6in. Below overflow
From Pok Fu Lam	16ft. 6in. Below overflow	16ft. 6in. Below overflow
From Wong Nai Chung	18ft. Below overflow	18ft. 6in. Below overflow

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1923.	1924.
Kowloon Reservoir	12ft. 6in. Below overflow	14ft. 6in. Below overflow

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

	1923.	1924.
Consumption	12.5	11.6
Estimated population	138,000	143,000
Consumption per head per day	90.6 gallons	81.1 gallons

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts during February 1923 excepting 4 days viz. 15th to 18 including a constant supply on account of water on account of Chinese New Year. Constant Supply in all districts during February 1924.

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Full Supply in all districts during February 1923 and 1924.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

	1923.	1924.
Total Rainfall (1st to 29th) in February	1.27 in.	2.99 in.

H. T. ORMSBY,
Water Authority
Public Works Department.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

A London merchant, whose name is given as Frederick William Bernau, has been found dead in a Vienna boarding-house.

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The Hon. R. C. Lindsay, the new British representative to Turkey, is to visit Angora after British ratification of the Treaty of Lausanne.

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At an inquest on Thomas Bowen Davis, a gentleman farmer, of Welford, Northamptonshire, it was stated that his horse slipped on a stone macadam road, throwing him with fatal consequences.

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Dr. A. C. O'Sullivan, Professor of Pathology at Dublin University, who acted during the war as an expert in Oriental diseases in one of the big hospitals on the Mediterranean, died in Dublin.

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A fire in a storeroom under the Eastbourne pier pavilion was discovered by a director attending a board meeting of the company at the pier, and was put out before much damage was done.

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Colonel G. L. Courthope proposes to introduce a Trade Union Ballot Bill which provides that trade union ballots on questions of strikes and the freedom or financial interests of members shall be secret.

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When Edward Moore, 39, a flower seller, was sent for trial at Wimbledon on a charge of causing grievous bodily harm to Herbert Rest, 20, a newspaper seller, it was stated that Moore attacked Best and bit off two-thirds of the outer ring of his ear.

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Victor Riches, 35, an electrical engineer, of Sidney-street, South Kensington, was remanded at West Ham charged with being drunk in charge of a motor-car in Canning Town and knocking down Mrs. Annie Reynolds, who is in hospital suffering from a fractured skull.

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When Charles Sidney Reynolds, 17, was charged on remand at Portsmouth with abducting Muriel Irene Perrin, 16, with whom he went to London, it was stated that the couple were married on a Friday and had been provided with a home by their parents. The magistrates discharged Reynolds.

Henry Rempson, and Daisy Rempson, both 74, were found dead in bed in their house in Beulah-road, Croydon, with the gas in the room turned on.

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Through his aeroplane crashing from 500 feet, Flight-Lieut. George H. H. Scott, M.C., of the 28th Squadron, R.A.F., was killed at Hawkinge Aerodrome, near Folkestone.

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Until Hungary balances her Budget her payments to the British Clearing Office are to be reduced to £900,000 yearly in two equal instalments.

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Sticklebacks in jars drawn up by the pumps were produced at the inquiry, which was concluded at Glasgow, into the Redding pit flooding last September, when 40 lives were lost.

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Two men described as of British nationality, whose names are given as Charles Mordant and George Gerald Riviere, have been arrested at Nice in connection with an alleged theft of jewels.

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Five hundred subscribers from each of the Finchley and Hampstead telephone exchanges will be transferred to the new Speedwell exchange at Golders Green, N.W., when it is opened early next month.

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Four fat pigs were among a large number of gifts in kind contributed by citizens for the relief of distress in the city which were sold by auction by the Lord Mayor and others at Birmingham Town Hall.

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The cyclist who was killed by a motor-car in Epping New-road, Loughton, Essex, is Arthur Edward Toomey, who lived in Riversdale-road, Highbury, N. The police are looking for the driver of the car.

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Two motor-cars collided at the junction of Park-street and Upper Brook-street, Mayfair, and one of them mounted the pavement and wrecked a shop window. A lad named Albert White, who was on the pavement, was slightly injured.

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The linking up of the Hampstead and City and South London tubes has just been finished so far as the construction of the inter-connecting tunnels is concerned, and at Mornington-crescent there are now six tubes running almost side by side for over half a mile.

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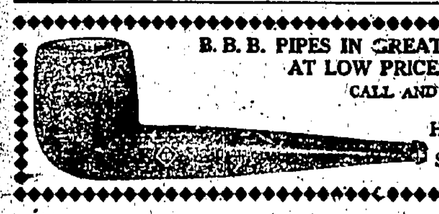
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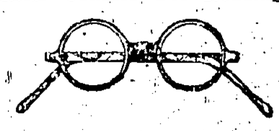
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BIRTHS.

HUTCHISON.—On March 22, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hutchison, a son.

SCHLEE.—On March 23, 1924, at Shanghai, to the wife of Robert Schlee, a son.

HARDING-KLIMANEK.—On March 23, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Ph. Harding-Klimanek, a son.

MARRIAGE.

SHIRRAS—PEARSON.—On March 22, 1924, at Kobe, Douglas S. G. Shirras to Laura Mai Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pearson, Yokohama, and grand-daughter of Captain and Mrs. W. G. Buchanan, of Shanghai.

DEATH.

BRYMER.—On March 20, 1924, at Hankow, William Duncan Brymer, (Master M. V. Ah Kwang, A. P. C.), aged 55 years.

The China Mail.
HONGKONG FRIDAY, MAR. 28, 1924.

HONOURING.

When the Government goes out of its way to show its appreciation of disinterested services freely given the rest of us may well sit up and take notice—asking ourselves at the same time what services, if any, we are rendering the community. Mr. D. K. Blair has probably had exceptional opportunities of rendering that peculiar aid which the Government needed at certain times. He discharged them probably without any idea of reward, and in the efficient manner of those who are seemingly born to organise—an art which is not to be despised. We may therefore congratulate Mr. Blair and also the Government and trust for the recipient long days to enjoy the tokens bestowed upon him. The whole thing is pleasing for there is about it the sense of spontaniety denoting an absence of doubt, but a desire to recognise sought and unsought duties faithfully carried out. The matter suggests the thought that the Government might well dispense some of its favours in the same sensible way that it has done in the case of Mr. Blair. Assuming that the conferring of the mark of a Justice of the Peace is an honour, might it not exercise a little more care in its distribution of that mark of its favour? Heaven, and the Hon. the Colonial Secretary whom we understand prepares the list of names of those to be made J's. P. forfend that we should for a moment suggest that any present J.P. is not worthy of the dignity which, so far as we can make out, entitles him only to vote at an election, should it become necessary, of a member for the Legislative Council; but long residence in the Colony and a nodding acquaintance with the Colonial Secretary should not be the only recommendation to a place amongst those we have previously dubbed "the great unpaid." We admit we cannot make out a very strong case. There is probably not many opportunities for service in this Colony outside the sacred precincts of the Legislative Council and the Sanitary Board—all run by "the same old gang," but it might be given to certain societies, sections of the communities, or clubs of standing, to indicate whom they should like the Government to honour. In this way the whole thing would be more representative, and probably more appreciated.

Benevolence.

The Home Government has probably not had time to introduce any legislation of a revolution kind; or to extend further any privileges that accrue to what has been termed the "under dog." There is reason for this, apart from any question of lack of time. Some who do not know may have assumed that Governments in the past have not spent a moment of time or a cent of money in behalf of the unfortunate ones of the country. But what are the facts? One-fifth of the national income is expended on State Benevolence. Five hundred million pounds annually go in services supplementing wages. Half this Year's Budget is earmarked for the support of the "enslaved" class. One million get Old Age Pensions. Thirteen and a half million are insured against sickness and unemployment. Pensions, civil and military, amount to three million pounds. State-aided housing costs half a million pounds. Seven million children are educated free. It may be argued that much more than this ought to be done, but our object at the moment is to point out what is being done, and to suggest that the so-called capitalist system, as against socialism, has something to be said for it after all.

Physical Jerks.

Not much has been heard of the recent movement to establish a gymnasium class in Hongkong specially for business men. It may have gone the way of those other efforts, commenced in the fire of enthusiasm, douced out of existence by the coldness of indifference. In Denmark they do these things differently. There in certain of the schools subsidised by the Government they have national gymnasiums, and to them come from time to time the men and women of Denmark for a series of special training. The idea is not that these good people shall be able to throw themselves about in the manner common to acrobats or gymnasts, but that they shall receive a training which will fit them to take control of their own bodies—that they shall be master of them, and not be at the blind dictates of the human frame. Doctors and others in the know are best able to tell us how far the things which are done which will not bear the light of day, are due to enfeebled bodies, or a state of mind brought about by the body not being at its best. It does not need a course of gymnastics to bring about a condition of mind and body leading to vigorous health, but it should be laid down as a settled axiom that a sane form of exercise is an absolute essential to healthy living. Such Club as the Victoria Recreation which offer opportunities for gymnastic exercises are all too few. It would be all to the good if each Club in the Colony had a room set aside—no matter how small it might be, where provision is made for the swinging of Clubs, the motions common to carrying dumbells, and any oher appliances that would aid a man engaged in sedentary occupation to "shake" himself a little. With the rapid expansion of motor traffic, the tendency is to walk less and less, and this, with the narrowness of our roads, militates against the simplest and best of all exercises—walking. Jerks should be our aim: physical as well as mental.

KICKING. Ends gained by peaceful means are much to be desired. Such are likely to be more satisfactory than those obtained by brute force or the methods of the bully. Which is an opening permitting us to say that we should dearly like to have booted the man we saw in a rickshaw the other afternoon who used his nether extremities to direct his rickshaw puller.

CHEQUERS. One of our Cinema theatres is this week showing a brief picture of the British Premier walking the gardens of Chequers with one of his daughters. It is a pleasing picture and one that makes us understand that the Government seems tolerably safe in the hands of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

Lord Lee presented the magnificent place to the Nation for the use of its Premiers and the following regarding the gift will be read with not a little interest:

"The last time Lord Lee stayed there, before giving up his home to the Prime Ministers, he was filled, like one of the old seers, with the spirit of prophecy. He was leaning over a gate looking at his purebred Herefords, when the inspiration came upon him.

"'I look forward to the day'—so he said to his companion—'when a Labour Prime Minister shall be in power, and shall come down here like King Authur, to "cure him of his grievous wound."'

"He explained what that mental and moral wound was.

"'The great danger of Labour in control,' he argued, 'is that the experience of Ministers will have been wholly in towns, and their minds and interests will have become absorbingly urban and oppidan. My hope is that they will come down here to Chequers and unconsciously absorb the spirit of the deep country.'

"He pointed to that green and spacious valley, cut off from the world, a thousand miles in spirit from London, a piece of English England of irresistible influence. He spoke of the power of Chequers thus directly preserving the health of the English people through their Ministers.

"'Its work,' he said in effect, 'is to de-urbanise the minds of British rulers, especially if they have been bred in towns.'"

BOOKS. What do people do with the books they borrow and never return or return after long delay much soiled? We are reminded of the question by seeing a series of Haselden's cartoons in the form of illustrated questions. The first picture shows us the book first in all its pristine beauty, and secondly as it comes back—old, torn, stained and decrepid. Does the borrower use it as a hammer? asks the artist; or, to throw at cats? or, on in connection with his motor car? (to scotch his wheels) or to scrape his boots on?; or as a toy for his puppy? He asks these questions—but does not answer them. There is no answer. People treat books as they do the stage mother-in-law, as a joke. And that is all that can be profitably said on the matter. Shakespeare was right: neither a borrow nor a lender be.

SEVERN. The Sanitary Board's enquiry regarding the whereabouts of Dr. Severn who presumably is intendend for the Colony's Medical-Sanitary Service, provokes the thought that some of our parodists have missed an opportunity of exercising their inexcusable or excusable art. We immediately thought of Wordsworth's "We are seven," but that is a lengthy thing to parody, and time has only permitted us to try our prentice hand on two verses:—

"Whom do you want, then?" said I
"If Pearse you have, by Heaven"
Quick was the Board's naive reply,
"O! Sir we do want Severn."
* * *
"But he is busy—working hard
On other jobs—by Heaven"
Twas throwing words away, for still
The Board would have its will
And said—"Nay, we want Severn."

To-day's Poem.

(The World Is But Two Hemispheres.)

When that I went, a little lad, to school—
One half a cherub and one half a fool—
The weary pedant dinned upon my ears
That all the world is but two hemispheres.
Maybe I doubted then, for I was born
To laugh the wisdom of the wise to scorn;
But now, indeed, most surely it appears
That all the world is but two hemispheres.

—Eden Phillpotts.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 28.

1772. We had last Sunday a most violent storm of thunder and lightening. The latter entered by the wire of the bell into Lady Mary's dressing-room in Cavendish Square, where she was with her husband, Lord Robert Spencer, and young Harry Conway. It melted the wire, fired the cornice, burned a chair, and damaged the floor.—Walpole.

FRANK.

He who knows the value of truth, money, and success seems frank, generous, and modest to those who do not.

—G. B. Shaw.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 28.—Coronet Theatre; Hoot Gibson in "Blinky."
March 28.—Star Theatre; "The Witching Hour."
March 28.—World Theatre; "Lights Out."
March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

March 28.—Lieut.-Col. W. O. S. Sanders and officers of the Royal Artillery "at home" to their friends, 3 and 6 p.m.
April 12.—Public Dinner to Sir William Rees Davies at Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.
April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

SPORT.

March 28.—Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting at U.S.R.C. Ground, Kowloon.
March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.
April 2.—Annual Athletic Sports of the University of Hongkong.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

March 29.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 6 bales blankets, 11 a.m.
March 31.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Godown No. 1 H.K. Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 100 tons sulphate of ammonia, 11 a.m.
April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Chater Bungalow, 66 Nathan Road, Kowloon, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.
April 1.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Rooms, Duddell St., the s.s. "Heung Shan," noon.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.
March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. at Company's offices 20, Des Vœux Road, 11 a.m.
March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, at 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETING.

March 28.—Annual meeting of Members of the Association of exporters and dealers of Hongkong, Chatered Bank Building, 4 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dia da Boa Imprensa.—Função religiosa na Catedral ás 8.30 e 15.30 horas. Academia literario-musical no Club Lusitano ás 17 horas.—*Advt.*

According to a *Reuter* message from Tientsin to-day, three miners have been rescued from the Tongshan mine. Earlier messages stated that a sudden inflow of clay and sand in a number of galleries in one of the Tongshan coal-mines, entombed 53 miners. Digging continued all night, but fresh falls occurred as fast as the obstructions were removed. There was believed to be a message from Tongshan that no hope was entertained for the entombed men.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong and New Territories Evangelisation Society was held on Wednesday in the Lecture Hall of the Union Church. The Chairman, the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie proposed the adoption of the new Constitution, explaining that its effect was to alter the basis of the Society from one of individual membership to a union of associated congregations with power to admit others. The change had been carefully considered by committee and adopted by the two churches so far concerned, namely, the Union Church and the To Tsai Church. The proposal was carried. The following appointments to the Controlling Body for the year, made by the respective churches, were confirmed: Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, Mrs. Hickling, Messrs. J. L. Macpherson, R. L. Moeller, P. D. Wilson and J. H. Lamb. To Tsai Church: Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, Mrs. Hoh Shiu-lau, Miss H. Y. Yung, Messrs. Chan Cho-nam, Tsui Mo-chi and Yeung King-tak.

HUGE SHANGHAI FIRE:

NEWSPAPER BUILDING DESTROYED.

SILK GODOWN ALSO GUTTED.

Total Damage Four Million Taels.

Shanghai, March 28.

The "Shanghai Times" building was completely gutted by fire yesterday evening.

The upper part of the building used as a godown contained silk valued at 3,000,000 taels.

The total damage is estimated at 4,000,000 taels.

—Reuter.

BUILDING RAGING FURNACE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, March 27.

Fire broke out at 7.30 o'clock this evening in the large 5-storey building at the junction of Soochow and Museum Roads, the ground floor of which is occupied by the "Shanghai Times" and the upper floors by silk piece goods storerooms.

The blaze started in an upper storey.

Fire engines and ambulances from everywhere quickly arrived, including those from the station immediately opposite, but at 8.30 the building was a raging furnace and it had become impossible to save it.

The flames leapt 50 feet high.

EIGHT FIREMEN OVERCOME.

Dense smoke made it impossible to approach from the windward side within fifty yards.

The firemen made heroic efforts to prevent the fire spreading and eight men were asphyxicated.

Motor cars and petrol supplies were removed from the China Motors' Eastern Garage, the adjoining building which was threatened.

THEATRE'S NARROW ESCAPE.

The Lyceum Theatre on the other side was also threatened and the roof was burnt.

"The Quaints," who have had to postpone their performance, have been busy removing scenery and props.

It is estimated that the value of the building and contents consumed by the fire amounted to four million taels.

At 10 o'clock the walls only were standing and inside was a mass of flame. The building was expected to collapse any minute.

This is the biggest fire in Shanghai for years. The Country Club was also reported to be on fire but this outbreak is believed to have been quelled.

[The building in which the "Shanghai Times" and "Shanghai Sunday Times" are published is a five-storey godown at the corner of Museum and Soochow Roads, adjacent to the Lyceum Theatre and immediately facing the big B.A.T. building. The "Shanghai Times" took over the whole of the basement about 18 months ago and put in a concrete floor. It is an ideal office for newspaper and printing work with all its machinery and editorial, commercial departments on one level. Above are various store houses, but few offices. It is a detached building, with an alleyway separating it from the Eastern Garage (China Motors).

Strange to say, a branch fire station is immediately opposite the main entrance of the "Shanghai Times" office, facing the Soochow Creek.]

VALUABLE PLANT INVOLVED.

"The Shanghai Times," is one of the oldest established papers of Shanghai and during its existence has seen several notable editors. As far as can be remembered the organ was at one time during its early career owned and conducted by Dr. Ferguson from whom it was bought by Mr. W. H. Donald, a well known journalist, now Advisor to the Chinese Government and Director of the Chinese Government Bureau of Information. Then it came into the hands of Mr. John o' Shea, a brilliant writer who developed the paper with success but died at the height of his career. At that time, the "Times" was being published in a godown on Nanking Road behind the American Drug Company. With the advent of Mr. E. A. Nottingham who was formerly printing manager the paper was pushed ahead and job printing business was developed. When plans for the introduction of the "Shanghai Sunday Times" had almost matured, it was found necessary to transfer the editorial offices to Ezra Road—about 200 yards away from the original establishment where the printing was done. Eventually with the birth of the "Shanghai Sunday Times" in November, 1921, the whole business, was moved to the building which has now been gutted, where ample scope was provided on the bottom for the smooth working of all departments. "The Shanghai Sunday Times" met with instant success. The daily issue, was quite recently also made up in two sections—twenty-four pages in all. It has also kept in step with progress and has effected many remarkable changes during the last three years.

Among the various printing machines, were six linotypes a new printing machine, and many other valuable pieces

The present editor of the papers is Mr. G. Burton Sayer, who has been in control for the past three years. The assistant editor newly joined is Mr. Gordon Stables of Singapore, whose predecessor was Mr. R. I. Hope who resigned after five years service. Other old members of the staff are Mr. A. P. Finch, Chief Reporter and Mr. H. J. Friun, Advertisement Manager. Past Editors have included Mr. W. A. Donaldson (now "Shanghai Mercury"), Mr. G. T. Lloyd, Mr. Percy Campbell (now British Chamber of Commerce), the late Mr. John o' Shea.

GONE TWO WEEKS.

EUROPEAN REPORTED MISSING.

"European missing," says this morning's police report. Mr. Tom Callaham is the man concerned. He was connected with China Sun Motion Picture Co., Causeway Bay and has not been seen for the last two weeks. In making the report to the authorities Mr. J. M. Shroff of the same company, stated that Mr. Callaham is forty-eight years of age, was of short stature and stout. Beyond the foregoing there are no details.

From the China Sun Motion Picture Co. it is gathered that Mr. Callaham has been absent for only a week or so. He came out from Los Angeles and was with a circus in Manilla till disbandment, two months ago when he came to Hongkong and joined the Picture Co. as a general assistant.

"THE WITCHING HOUR."

DRAMATIC KOWLOON PICTURE.

With a name like "The Witching Hour" you would naturally expect this evening's Star Theatre feature attraction to touch upon the uncanny. This it does, without being in any way "creepy" either. Dramatic surprise is the keynote and the suspense is skilfully maintained until the great climax. The leading figure in the picture is a young poker player who has a strange knack for reading other people's minds and guessing the cards they hold. Tragedy comes into the story after a fatal quarrel and a sensational murder trial follows. Grave injustice is barely averted in a most dramatic manner and the picture ends with a note of joy. Handed by Elliott Dexter the cast has been very carefully chosen, while the screening is all that could have been desired, having been undertaken by William D. Taylor, the man who produced the famous "Huckleberry Finn" film.

CHECKMATING THE PIRATES.

MR. R. SUTHERLAND'S SCHEME.

PASSENGER DEPOT PROPOSED.

Central Wharf For River Steamers.

Through the courtesy of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce the "China Mail" is enable to publish details of the scheme put forward by Mr. R. Sutherland for a central embarking and disembarking station for all passenger vessels trading with the Canton Delta, which was briefly referred to by the Chairman in his speech at the annual meeting of the Chamber the other day.

A memorandum by Mr. Sutherland outlining his plan and giving sketches of the proposed passenger depot was forwarded to the Hongkong Government on March 10, the Chambers covering letter stating that after a full discussion "the Chamber approves these proposals in principle and would welcome the practical development of such a scheme with due regard to the general conditions affecting shipping."

Acknowledging receipt of the Chamber's letter and its enclosures the Colonial Secretary wrote on March 25 as follows:—"I have laid this before His Excellency the Governor, who desires me to express his appreciation of Mr. Sutherland's work in putting forward the scheme and to say that the matter will receive careful consideration."

Scheme Outlined.

Dated February 29, Mr. Sutherland's memorandum is as follows:—

"At a Shipping Sub-Committee Meeting held on the 16th July, I submitted a report on the Harbour Improvement Scheme and put forward in same a proposal with regard to a passenger depôt for River steamers. The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was subsequently informed by Mr. Fletcher that certain matters, with regard to Harbour Improvements, were being suspended until the arrival of Mr. Duncan from Home It occurred to me, therefore, that it might be opportune to put before the Government the scheme of the proposed passenger depôt, even if you were not in a position to send in a considered report on the whole project of harbour improvements. To this end I addressed the Chamber of Commerce in a letter dated the 26th October. Since then I have received numerous enquiries with regard to the passenger depôt, which seem to have aroused a certain amount of public interest. It has been suggested that I might go one step further and prepare a rough plan of what I have in mind. I accordingly made some rough sketches which have been set forth in presentable form through the kindness of Mr. L. G. Bird, of Messrs. Palmer and Turner, and you will now find upon the table the general outline of the scheme. This plan will perhaps make matters more clear to you, and I shall, as briefly as possible, explain the "modus operandi" of working the depôt.

Need for Definite Action.

Before doing so, however, I think perhaps I may say that the necessity of taking some definite steps towards the suppression of piracy and general lawlessness is becoming every day more pressing. Since we first discussed this scheme, piracies have been largely on the increase, and, although the Hongkong Government may have made certain arrangements with regard to better search of passengers and their baggage, have arranged patrols to accompany the River steamers and although representations have been made to the Naval Authorities, no movement commensurate with the importance of the issue has yet been made, and, if you approve of same, representations to the Government by the Chamber advocating this depôt scheme will be in line with the strong resolutions recently proposed by the delegates of the Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai.

Present System Unsatisfactory.

It is admitted by all that the present system of police inspection at wharves during all sorts of weather and at night cannot but be most unsatisfactory, and all who have any knowledge of Chinese criminals state that it is not likely banishees, bad characters, etc., will submit themselves to an eye to eye inspection by detectives in broad daylight or well-lit rooms.

I am not overlooking the prevention of piracy regulations, and, while these in a measure may assist in quelling an outbreak on board, I am inclined to look upon them with mixed feelings, inasmuch as that, while the regulations and the use of grilles and locks may have a deterrent effect and assist in preventing the control of the ship falling into the hands of pirates, there is another side to the question, namely, the ordinary perils of the sea. By this I mean that, in the event of an outbreak of fire, or panic by collision, or stranding, the presence of grilles and the difficulty of gaining free access to boats, might be the means of bringing about a terrible calamity.

Mishaps At Sea.

Even since these notes were written, a serious accident has occurred in the Canton River, namely, the stranding of the "Heungshan" with over 500 passengers on board. I have not yet heard the official details of this casualty but it is evident that the personnel of the vessel must have done exceedingly good work in keeping order and in getting passengers to a place of safety. It is said in the Press that the Piracy prevention grilles were pulled down, I do not suppose this is correct however. What I wish to impress upon you is that this accident happened in a river where it was a comparatively simple matter to speedily beach the steamer, but I leave you to consider what might have occurred had the vessel met with a similar mishap in some part of her route where there was no possibility of taking steps for safety as was so promptly done by Captain Thomas. These boats navigate mostly at night leaving and entering a crowded harbour, which greatly increases the ever present dangers of navigation.

Grilles A Grave Danger.

It is appreciated that those who were responsible for drafting the Piracy Regulations have done their utmost to give as free access to boats as possible, but it must be patent to all that grilles constitute a very grave danger in event of panic, to which Chinese passengers are particularly prone. We most of us remember the burning of the "Hankow" which, even when lying alongside the wharf with free and easy access to decks and gangways, resulted in a very large and regrettable loss of life. Again the stranding of the "Powan" on Ma Wan Island was a casualty accompanied by loss of life, and obviously, if grilles had been erected on these two vessels, the results might have been appalling.

I mention this as it seems to me the best course of action is to adopt any means which will prevent pirates getting on board, and which may, in the course of time, lead to the gradual elimination of barriers below deck, it is with this object in view, therefore, that I submit this scheme. The unsatisfactory position of affairs on the Canton Delta and the flaunting of the British Flag, together with the serious menace to the lives of Captains, Officers, Engineers and crew, is a common and unpleasant topic, not only in this Colony, but in the Far East generally, and I think it behoves us to leave no stone unturned to press the Government to embark without delay upon such Harbour work as the Chamber considers essential and which will in the future be of benefit generally.

Depot's Varied Uses.

It may be thought by some that the present piracy epidemic is but a passing phase and that there is no call for permanent preventative measures such as suggested; in this I am not in agreement, as I think that the general change in Chinese mentality generally calls for regulations and restrictions which were not necessary some 10 or 20 years ago. Apart from this consideration, however, I am strongly of opinion that the depot will be a valuable asset to one of the chief branches of the Colony's shipping business.

This particular depot will, of course, take some time to build, perhaps a matter of 18 months, but the sooner it is started, the sooner it will be completed, and it will have the added effect of setting an example to other places, such as Canton, where in the course of time it might be possible for the Authorities to arrange similar berthing facilities.

Apart from piracy it has got to be remembered that the depot would play a very important part in the health of the Colony, inasmuch as it would provide an excellent opportunity for medical inspection of the greater bulk of the passengers arriving from Canton, and, so far as my knowledge goes, thousands of passengers are arriving in this Colony every day without any medical inspection whatsoever, and it would seem that Hongkong opens its doors to all and sundry, whether they be afflicted with disease or otherwise. This in itself calls for the gravest consideration, and it is generally thought that we might regard small pox as being one of the epidemics inseparable from China, at least for many years to come.

Handy for Customs.

In like manner the Excise and Revenue Department should welcome this scheme, as in searching ship's baggage and passengers they will have their labours largely centralised, and without doubt it should lead to economy in time and consequently number of staff, to say nothing of the inestimable advantages of improved control. I am not overlooking the question of the railway which in due course will bring many passengers to the Colony, but it should be a comparatively simple matter to arrange examination of Chinese arriving at stations on the Kowloon Peninsula. To cover cost of building and maintenance the Government could charge a small fee for every passenger passed through the Depot. This would in due course be collected from the Shipping Companies concerned who would make a surcharge on the passage tickets to recoup themselves.

Question of Site.

Turning to the plan, you will note from Sketch No. 4 that the depot has been shown as projected from the Praya, and in the vicinity of Des Vœux Road. In explanation I would say that this in no way indicates or suggests the possible site, it is merely shown to illustrate how it would abut on the Praya, if it was eventually suggested to erect same in such manner. On the question of site I do not wish to speak, as this is a subject which calls for very careful consideration of facts which are outside my knowledge. Admittedly the Praya would be the most suitable place and it should be erected somewhere adjacent to the new ferry piers which the Government have under consideration.

In my original sketches a two-storey building was shown with examination rooms on the ground floor and on the upper storey. Mr. Bird suggested that possibly a two-storey building in front of the present buildings on the Praya might raise certain objections in the way of outlook from present property holders. I do not know myself that this is any great disadvantage, but I leave it to those more qualified to judge. A two-storey building would of course economise in space, but on the other hand would have the disadvantage of passengers having to move up and down staircases, which, in view of the fact that all carry baggage with them, might lead to difficulties.

Inward Ocean Steamers.

As regards the regulating of inward ocean steamers from Singapore or elsewhere, it would be a simple matter for them to anchor in the quarantine ground until such time as passengers have been mustered and examined. As regards coasters employed almost entirely in the passenger trade, particularly to Swatow on which route piracies have occurred, there is no reason why such vessels should not embark their passengers at the depot in the same way as river steamers; this, however, is a matter which can be decided as soon as the main issue has been determined.

The slight inconvenience experienced by Shipowners in conforming with the rules will be more than set off by the increased traffic, inasmuch as, the safer you make the transport, the more people will travel. It is recognised at the moment that passengers do not travel as often as usual between the Colony and Canton on account of fear of interference by pirates, but once the route is made safe and they are assured that no pirates will be able to board the vessel, confidence will be restored with resulting increase of revenue.

To turn again to the plan on the table, Sketch No. 1 shows the general view as from the Praya; it will be noted there is a concrete wall some 6 feet high (which should be much higher) surmounted by railings entirely closing the land side of the depot, entrance only being possible through entrance gates.

No. 2 shows the side elevation of the building erected on concrete piles together with general arrangement of windows. This of course is only a rough idea.

I would ask you to now consider Sketch No. 4 which shows the block plan. The general idea is to build piers in the manner indicated, each of which will give three berths for steamers. The outer berth will accommodate a steamer 300 feet long, and the side berths somewhat smaller vessels. The length of vessels running to Canton at the moment is about 250/300 feet and to West River ports and Kongmoon 190/250 feet. It is suggested that the steamers would load at their ordinary piers, and would proceed up to a berth assigned to them at an appointed time to embark passengers.

New Piers Needed.

Should it be decided to erect the depot on the Praya it will of course take up sites where private piers are now situated, and to get over this difficulty the Government would have to erect Godowns of equal capacity on some portion of the Praya for the use of Companies which have had to give way to the interests of the public generally. This again becomes a matter of arrangement calling for a certain amount of give and take on both sides.

To continue; arriving at the berth the crew would be mustered on the upper deck, the ship thoroughly searched for possible stowaways, and the crews' quarters gone through with a view to possible smuggled arms. Some hour or so before the allotted time of departure, the passengers would congregate in rooms shown on Plan 3, regarding which I shall give particulars later. After examination they would pass down on to the ship alongside their particular rooms, and the vessel immediately proceed to her destination.

One of the advantages to my mind of this scheme is that the Colony would not have to invest money in developments which may not be required for some time to come, inasmuch as they can be added as required for the traffic warrants. At the present moment, the number of passenger river steamers arriving and leaving per diem are as follows:—Arrivals 8, Departures 7, and the number of passengers as given by the Harbour Office are:—Arrivals 2600, Departures 2577, or say 5200 in all. It then becomes merely a question of how many berths should be recommended if it is agreed to erect the depot; roughly speaking, we should allow for 10,000 passengers.

A Prohibited Area.

In Sketch No. 4 you will find a buoyed area is shewn, I have marked this out to 1,000 feet, and would suggest that this be made an entirely prohibited area for traffic both by day and night: it is is a matter, however, which would have to be thoroughly gone into with the Harbour Authorities: but without a prohibited area the whole scheme is useless. It would likewise allow steamers arriving and departing to come up and swing, and so greatly facilitate their berthing at the depot. Each building would be equipped with signals effective both by day and night in order to signify what Company's steamer was to come alongside, and what berth she was to take up.

You will notice that I have allowed for a small police jetty and quarters, which will be found to the right of Sketch No. 3. There I consider a berth for the fire float might be reserved and possibly on the other side accommodation for the new rescue tug. In such part of the Depot would be your general control, your telephones, etc., etc., and everything necessary for the general management of the property.

How Scheme Would Work.

Turning to plan 3, I will explain how some would operate. In the first place, passengers leaving for a certain steamer would be advised by the boarding house keepers and runners and by signs illuminated or otherwise, of what examination room to proceed to; they could come an hour, or two hours if necessary, before the departure of the vessel. You will notice that the rooms on the right and left will accommodate 870 people each; that the outer room will accommodate 760. These numbers represent the *sitting* accommodation of the rooms, and in front of each seat has been arranged a low platform, some two feet high, on which each passenger would deposit their hand baggage. Within this well lit room, inspectors would walk along, open the packages, thoroughly examine them, search the passengers and let them pass out on to the steamer for which they are destined.

At the corners of each pier will be found grilles which will entirely isolate the berth from other rooms, so there can be no possible confusion with regard to passengers going on the wrong vessels. You will also see offices arranged for the ordinary work connected with the depot, men's and women's lavatories, also a useful office for police. It would be necessary for this depot to be brilliantly lit and I would suggest that round each examination room a raised light gallery be built, round which an inspector could walk during the time passengers are assembled there, and from a position of vantage supervise the work carried out by his subordinates. The foregoing remarks deal with the departure of a vessel.

On arrival, the procedure is simply reversed, except that the examination would be conducted not only by Police but by Excise and a qualified medical officer, the latter as a preventative against passengers suffering from infectious diseases passing into the Colony. A medical officer's apartment has been provided.

I don't know, gentlemen, that there is anything I can usefully add in way of explanation, except to say that the plans have allowed ample room for the easy handling of passengers, and I would draw your attention to the vacant space between the first two moorings which has been left there with a view to dealing with heavy baggage. This could be conducted in much the same way as is done by European ships, heavy labels and examination in the same way as is done in most parts of the world, it could then be mustered on the steamer and packed in properly arranged baggage rooms.

I am hopeful that, if this proposal is approved by your Chamber, it may be the means of suggesting to the Public Works Department the needs of a depot where they can work out its great detail, and I feel most certain that some such conclusion will be of material benefit to the general control of the Harbour and materially assist the various Departments in regulating the passenger traffic of the Colony.

RACE TIPS.

TO-MORROW'S SELECTIONS.

WHAT WILL WIN THE BIG RACE?

(By Patrol.)

With the ponies doing their rounding-up gallops and the Jockey Club officials completing their work behind the scenes the final touches are being put to the preparations for to-morrow afternoon's races at Happy Valley—the first to be known as an "extra race meeting" instead of "Gymkhana."

All that is required to ensure complete success, rival attractions notwithstanding, is that the weather should be kind if only to make up for the mudlarking at the annual meeting in February. At the time of writing, the sun is making a brave effort but the Observatory forecast is none too promising. It says "N. E. winds, strong, moderating, generally overcast, some drizzle or mist." Still one can only hope for the best. Even without taking the most optimistic view one is inclined to think that it will not rain and that the course should, if anything, be on the fast side. The following notes are written on the presumption that the course will not be materially different from what it is now.

Interest is, of course, centred in the big event, the third race, of a mile known as the First Aggregate Stakes, or what was known as the Gymkhana Stakes. With different ponies in the limelight and several with genuine claims supported by past performances and training achievements, there is an added zest. Candidates that have caught the eye of experts are Fern Leaf, Spotted Sand, Rothesay, Edenhall and Magnificent Dahlia. I am told that Rialto Star will start for the 2nd race and that his stable will be represented in the mile by Sunstar. Edenhall looks promising with Mr. Gibson up but Fern Leaf gives the impression of being more suited to Mr. Soares riding. Spotted Sand is likely to start favourite (Mr. Matcham up) while another well-known pony is Rothesay with Mr. Zelienskv. The latter has not been doing as well as he was nine months ago and there are some who think that Spotted Sand will not be in a sufficiently advantageous place at the end to finish first. Magnificent Dahlia is the pony who appeals to me as he has improved a great deal since the annual meeting and has a pull of 5 lbs. Taking into the consideration the way the betting is likely to go, I suggest Magnificent Dahlia (Mr. Soares up) as about the "best thing" in the whole meeting, commensurate with a degree of "safety" a sporting chance and a fairly good dividend. Edenhall looks about the nearest for a place. Sunstar will be a good bet "both ways."

My selections for the races are as follows:—

1st Race.—Loch Rannoch 1; Pet Mouse (if started) a place, if not Jungle Cock and Cottongrass.

2nd Race.—Rialto Star 1; Strathfarrar place. If Benz starts, should be at least placed.

3rd Race.—"Magnificent Dahlia 1, Spotted Sand and Sunstar place.

4th Race.—Magnetite 1, and Gaudie a place.

5th Race.—Langeat 1, King Alfred and Roman Boy place.

6th Race.—"Durian 1, Mountain Hawk and King Canute place.

7th Race.—Kupi, 1, Mopoke and Grey Dragon place.

ANOTHER LAP FINISHED.

CIVITA VECCHIA, March 27.

The world aviator MacLaren has arrived here. He will resume his flight to Rome to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

[Civita Vecchia is a fortified town and seaport in Italy 37 miles from Rome.]

AEROPLANE CRASHES.

HONOLULU, March 28.

Three Army airmen were killed and one was injured when a Martin bomber crashed after dropping into an air pocket and catching fire.—*Reuter.*

POINCARE NOT RESIGNING.

PARIS March 27.

M. Poincare has consented to reform a Ministry.—*Reuter.*

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BURMA MARU .....Friday, 4th Apr.
SHUNKO MARU.....Wednesday, 16th Apr.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KISHU MARU .....Tuesday, 1st April

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ALPS MARU .....Wednesday, 2nd Apr.
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AMAKUSA MARU .....Sunday, 30th Mar. at 11 a.m.
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FOR PORTS NORTH.

SWATOW

Mar. 30.—O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.	
30.—I.O.S.N.	Yatshing.	
30.—O.N.	Sunning.	
Apr. 1.—O.L.	Haifoong.	
1.—O.N.	Taming.	
1.—O.N.	Kaigan.	
1.—I.O.S.N.	Hopsang.	
2.—O.N.	Kweiyang.	
3.—O.N.	Kaichow.	
4.—I.O.S.N.	Fuhsang.	
4.—O.L.	Haicheng.	
5.—I.O.S.N.	Weisbing.	
6.—O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.	
10.—O.S.K.	Kotsu Maru.	

AMOY

Mar. 29.—B.I.	Japan.
29.—O.N.	Luchow.
30.—O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
31.—O.N.	Kweiyang.
Apr. 1.—O.L.	Haifoong.
1.—O.N.	Kaigan.
1.—O.N.	Taming.
1.—O.N.	Hanyang.
4.—D.L.	Haicheng.
6.—O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.
10.—O.S.K.	Kotsu Maru.

FOOCHOW

Mar. 30.—O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
Apr. 1.—D.L.	Haifoong.
4.—D.L.	Haicheng.

SHANGHAI

Mar. 29.—O.N.	Luchow.
29.—B.I.	Japan.
30.—O.N.	Canning.
30.—I.O.S.N.	Yatshing.
30.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.
30.—N.Y.K.	Hakodate Maru.
Apr. 1.—I.O.S.N.	Tjiliwong.
1.—O.N.	Hanyang.
1.—O.N.	Suiyang.
2.—O.N.	Soochow.
3.—O.N.	Kanchow.
3.—P. & O.	Soudan.
4.—I.O.S.N.	Fansang.
5.—O.N.	Liangchow.
5.—P. & O.	Kashmir.
6.—I.O.S.N.	Weisbing.
6.—N.Y.K.	Bengal Maru.
8.—T.K.K.	Korea Maru.
9.—P.M.	Pres. Lincoln.
9.—I.O.S.N.	Kutsang.
10.—N.Y.K.	Atsuta Maru.
11.—P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
12.—P. & O.	Sicilia.
13.—P. & O.	Khiva.
14.—T.K.K.	Tenyo Maru.
15.—I.O.S.N.	Hosang.
May 2.—P. & O.	Delta.
5.—T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.
7.—P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
10.—P. & O.	Kashmir.
26.—T.K.K.	Tenyo Maru.
30.—P. & O.	Morea.
June 11.—P. & O.	Soudan.
13.—P. & O.	Karmala.
27.—P. & O.	Malwa.
July 10.—P. & O.	Sicilia.
11.—P. & O.	Devanha.
25.—P. & O.	Mantua.
Aug. 8.—P. & O.	Khyber.
22.—B. I.	Kaisar-I-Hind.
Sept. 5.—P. & O.	Kashmir.
19.—P. & O.	Morea.
Oct. 2.—P. & O.	Kashgar.
Nov. 1.—P. & O.	Karmala.
18.—P. & O.	Malwa.

TAKAO.

Apr. 10.—O.S.K.	Kotsu Maru.

TSINGTAU.

Mar. 29.—O.N.	Luchow.
Apr. 5.—O.N.	Liangchow.

KEELUNG.

Mar. 30.—O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru.
Apr. 6.—O.S.K.	Kaijo Maru.

WEIHAIWEI.

Apr. 1.—O.N.	Haichow.

TIENTSIN.

Mar. 29.—I.O.S.N.	Chipshing.
Apr. 1.—O.N.	Haichow.

HAIPHONG VIA HOIHOW.

Mar. 30.—I.O.S.N.	Lessang.
Apr. 6.—O.N.	Tean.

BANGKOK.

Apr. 1.—O.S.K.	Kishu Maru.
1.—O.N.	Kaigan.
6.—E.A.	Hintang.
6.—O.N.	Tean.
17.—E.A.	Banka.

SAIGON.

Apr. 1.—O.S.K.	Kishu Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Apr. 1.—D.L.	Prov. Adams.
1.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.
1.—O.S.K.	Kishu Maru.
1.—O.N.	Taming.
2.—O.N.	Kweiyang.
11.—U.S.S.B.	West Prospect.
15.—D.L.	Garfield.
21.—B.F.	Sarpedon.
27.—B.I.	Goura.

MANILA.

Mar. 29.—I.O.S.N.	Saisang.
30.—P.M.	Pres. Lincoln.
Apr. 1.—D.L.	Adams.
1.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.
2.—B.B.	Legaspi.
5.—I.O.S.N.	Tuensang.
11.—U.S.S.B.	West Prospect.
13.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson.
15.—D.L.	Garfield.
27.—A.O.L.	Pres. Grant.
27.—P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
29.—C.P.S.	Empress of Asia.
May 17.—B.F.	Lopez Y Lopez.
21.—C.P.S.	Empress of Russia.
June 25.—C.P.S.	Empress of Asia.

ZAMBOANGA & CEBU.

Apr. 11.—U.S.S.B.	West Prospect.

SANDAKAN.

Apr. 2.—I.O.S.N.	Hisang.

SAVA PORTS, &c.

Mar. 31.—I.O.J.L.	Tjikembang.
29.—Nanyo Y.K.	Macassar Maru.

CALCUTTA VIA S'PORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

Mar. 30.—N.Y.K.	Awa Maru.
Apr. 2.—I.O.S.N.	Yoshsang.
2.—P.M.	Lake Fanlu.
2.—P. & O.	Jeypore.
4.—N.Y.K.	Nagano Maru.
8.—B.I.	Tjoelia.
13.—B.I.	Talune.
17.—Y.S.K.	Harle Maru.
27.—B.I.	Goura.
29.—B.I.	Japan.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO VIA S'PORE & PENANG.

Apr. 1.—D.L.	Pres. Adams.
2.—B.B.	Legaspi.
2.—B.I.	Jeypore.
4.—O.S.K.	Burma Maru.
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.
10.—N.Y.K.	Yoko Maru.
11.—P. & O.	Japore.
12.—B.I.	Pekin.
15.—D.L.	Prov. Garfield.
16.—O.S.K.	Shinsyo Maru.
20.—P. & O.	Borneo.
May 17.—B.B.	Cristobal Y Lopez.
27.—B.I.	Tjisalak.
June 3.—P. & O.	Malwa.
July 2.—P. & O.	Soudan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE VIA M'LA. & SANDAKAN.

Apr. 1.—E. & A.	Arafura.	
18.—N.Y.K.	Yoshino Maru.	
22.—E. & A.	St. Albans.	
May 14.—N.Y.K.	Aki Maru.	
16.—E. & A.	Eastern.	
July 4.—E. & A.	Arafura.	
23.—E. & A.	St. Albans.	
Aug. 27.—E. & A.	Eastern.	
Oct. 1.—E. & A.	Arafura.	
29.—E. & A.	St. Albans.	

JAPAN PORTS.

Mar. 29.—J.C.J.L.	Tjisalak.	
29.—B.I.	Japan.	
30.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.	
30.—N.Y.K.	Hakodate Maru.	
31.—Nanyo Y.K.	Macassar Maru.	
Apr. 2.—T.K.K.	Alps Maru.	
4.—I.L.T.	Numidia.	
5.—I.L.T.	Minas-L.	
6.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
5.—E. & A.	St. Albans.	
6.—N.Y.K.	Bengal Maru.	
8.—B.I.	Goura.	
8.—T.K.K.	Korea Maru.	
9.—P.M.	Pres. Lincoln.	
9.—I.O.S.N.	Kutsang.	
10.—N.Y.K.	Atsuta Maru.	
11.—N.Y.K.	Aki Maru.	
12.—O.S.K.	Alabama Maru.	
13.—O.S.K.	Andes Maru.	
17.—N.Y.K.	Tyo Maru.	
18.—P. & O.	Plassy.	
19.—I.O.S.N.	Laisang.	
22.—N.Y.K.	Kashima Maru.	
23.—T.K.K.	Shinyo Maru.	
24.—I.O.S.N.	Hosang.	
28.—B.B.	O. Lopez Y Lopez.	
May 1.—L.T.	Ausaa.	
2.—P. & O.	Delta.	
3.—E. & A.	Eastern.	
3.—L.T.	Duchessa D'Aosta.	
5.—B.I.	Takada.	
5.—T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.	
16.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	
18.—T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.	
20.—B.I.	Torilla.	
23.—T.K.K.	Tenyo Maru.	
30.—P. & O.	Morea.	
June 1.—L.T.	Silvio Pellico.	
2.—L.T.	Nippon.	
7.—E. & A.	Arafuta.	
13.—P. & O.	Karmala.	
27.—P. & O.	Malwa.	
July 3.—L.T.	Rosandra.	
5.—E. & A.	St. Albans.	
Aug. 2.—E. & A.	Eastern.	
3.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
22.—P. & O.	Kaisar-I-Hind.	
Sept. 5.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
6.—E. & A.	Arafura.	
19.—P. & O.	Morea.	
Oct. 3.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	
4.—E. & A.	St. Albans.	
13.—P. & O.	Malwa.	
Nov. 1.—P. & O.	Karmala.	

HONOLULU.

Apr. 8.—T.K.K.	Korea Maru.
22.—T.K.K.	Shinyo Maru.
May 6.—T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.
7.—P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
28.—T.K.K.	Tenyo Maru.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, AND V'COUVER VIA S'HAI AND JAPAN.

Mar. 31.—A.O.L.	Pres. McKinley.
Apr. 2.—C.P.S.	Empress of Russia.
3.—N.Y.K.	Kaga Maru.
7.—B.I.	Gogra.
9.—B.F.	Philoctetes.
10.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jackson.
13.—O.S.K.	Alabama Maru.
17.—N.Y.K.	Iyo Maru.
18.—C.P.S.	Empress of Asia.
18.—C.P.S.	Empress of Canada.
22.—A.O.L.	Pres. Jefferson.
May 4.—A.O.L.	Pres. Grant.
5.—H.L.	Gogra.
8.—B.F.	Tyndareus.
8.—C.P.S.	Empress of Asia.
18.—A.O.L.	Pres. Madison.
20.—B.I.	Torilla.
22.—B.F.	Protesilaus.
29.—C.P.S.	Empress of Russia.
June 23.—B.F.	Achilles.
July 11.—B.F.	Philoctetes.
Aug. 4.—B.F.	Tyndareus.
22.—B.F.	Protesilaus.
Sept. 30.—B.F.	Achilles.
Oct. 16.—B.F.	Philoctetes.
Nov. 6.—B.F.	Tyndareus.
29.—B.F.	Protesilaus.

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Apr. 8.—T.K.K.	Korea Maru.
9.—P.M.	Pres. Lincoln.
23.—T.K.K.	Shinyo Maru.
May 5.—T.K.K.	Siberia Maru.
7.—P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.
19.—T.K.K.	Taiyo Maru.
28.—T.K.K.	Tenyo Maru.

SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES.

Apr. 2.—U.S.S.B.	West Cajoot.
11.—U.S.S.B.	West Ivan.
May 7.—P.M.	Pres. Cleveland.

VALPARAISO.

VIA JAPAN, HONOLULU, SAN FRANCISCO SAN PEDRO, SANTA CRUZ, BALBOA CALLAO, ARICA & IQUIQUE.

Apr. 24.—T.K.K.	Anyo Maru.
June 10.—T.K.K.	Seiyo Maru.
July 19.—T.K.K.	Bakuyo Maru.
Sept. 15.—T.K.K.	Ginyo Maru.

PORTLAND.

Apr. 4.—U.S.S.B.	West Keota.
8.—U.S.S.B.	Dewey.

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Apr. 1.—D.S.L.	Prov. Adams.	
1.—B.F.	City of Bristol.	
1.—N.L.	Moorish Prince.	
2.—B.B.	Legaspi.	
8.—N.Y.K.	Tenyemo Maru.	
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.	
11.—B.F.	Atreus.	
11.—B.F.	Nelson.	
16.—D.S.L.	Prov. Garfield.	
20.—B.F.	Alcinous.	
22.—D.S.L.	Prov. Polk.	
May 1.—B.F.	Kassandra.	
6.—D. & Co.,	Dacre Castle.	
11.—B.F.	City of Oran.	
12.—D.S.L.	Prov. Monroe.	
17.—B.B.	C. Lopez Y Lopez.	
21.—B.F.	Ocana.	
27.—D.L.	Prov. Harrison.	
31.—B.F.	Kassina.	
June 11.—B.F.	Diomed.	
21.—B.F.	Macedonia.	

BUENOS AIRES VIA S'PORE, DURBAN & CAPETOWN.

Apr. 22.—U.S.S.B.	Chicago Maru.
May 18.—N.Y.K.	Kasagawa Maru.

BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE

Apr. 2.—L.T.	Venezia.
May 3.—L.T.	Numidia.
8.—L.T.	Minas-L.
June 4.—L.T.	Ausaa.
7.—L.T.	Duchessa D'Aosta.
July 2.—L.T.	Silvio Pellico.
8.—L.T.	Nippon.
Aug. 7.—L.T.	Rosandra.

BARCELONA & VALENCIA.

Mar. 30.—B.B.	Legaspi.
Apr. 2.—B.A.	Asia.
17.—N.Y.K.	Tamahime Maru.
May 17.—B.B.	C. Lopez Y Lopez.

GENOA

Apr. 1.—D.L.	Prov. Adams.
12.—O.L.	Prov. Madison.
20.—B.F.	Protesilaus.
30.—B.F.	Tyndareus.
May 21.—B.F.	Sarpedon.

MARSEILLES.

Mar. 29.—E.L.	City of York.	
30.—M.M.	Portugal.	
Apr. 1.—D.L.	Prov. Adams.	
5.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
7.—E.A.	Asia.	
9.—N.Y.K.	Harugi Maru.	
10.—E.A.	Chile.	
12.—M.M.	Amazone.	
14.—B.F.	Glaucus.	
17.—P. & O.	Nellore.	
18.—D.L.	Prov. Garfield.	
18.—E.L.	City of Cairo.	
18.—P. & O.	China.	
21.—P. & O.	Nellore.	
24.—B.F.	Sarpedon.	
27.—M.M.	Angkor.	
May 1.—B.F.	Tencer.	
11.—M.M.	Chambord.	
16.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
18.—M.M.	Paul Lecat.	
19.—B.F.	Patroclus.	
30.—B.F.	Ossili.	
24.—P. & O.	Khiva.	
25.—M.M.	Andre Lebon.	
31.—P. & O.	Delta.	
June 10.—B.F.	Calchas.	
12.—E. & O.	Karamala.	
26.—P. & O.	Morea.	
July 14.—P. & O.	Anchises.	
26.—P. & O.	Malwa.	
Aug. 9.—P. & O.	Devanha.	
23.—P. & O.	Mantua.	
Sept. 6.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
13.—B.F.	Sarpedon.	
20.—P. & O.	Kaisar-I-Hind.	
Oct. 4.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
18.—P. & O.	Morea.	
Nov. 1.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	

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(VIA SINGAPORE.)

Mar. 29.—E.L.	City of York.	
31.—P. & O.	Khiva.	
31.—B.F.	Marionea.	
Apr. 1.—G.L.	Pembrokeshire.	
5.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
7.—B.F.	Troilus.	
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.	
9.—N.Y.K.	Haruna Maru.	
11.—P. & O.	Nellore.	
14.—B.F.	Glaucus.	
16.—E.L.	City of Cairo.	
17.—P. & O.	Nellore.	
18.—E.L.	City of Cairo.	
19.—P. & O.	China.	
23.—B.F.	Sarpedon.	
22.—G.L.	Glengyle.	
23.—N.Y.K.	Kamo Maru.	
26.—P. & O.	Soudan.	
28.—B.F.	Machaon.	
May 1.—B.F.	Tencer.	
2.—P. & O.	Kalyan.	
5.—B.F.	Eurymedon.	
12.—B.F.	Helenus.	
17.—P. & O.	Plassy.	
19.—B.F.	Patroclus.	
24.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
26.—B.F.	Autolycus.	
31.—P. & O.	Khiva.	
June 2.—B.F.	Teneus.	
9.—B.F.	Automedon.	
14.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	
16.—B.F.	Mentor.	
23.—P. & O.	Soudan.	
26.—P. & O.	Morea.	
July 12.—P. & O.	Karmala.	
14.—B.F.	Anchises.	
29.—P. & O.	Sicilia.	
28.—P. & O.	Malwa.	
Aug. 5.—P. & O.	Devanha.	
23.—P. & O.	Mantua.	
Sept. 6.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
13.—B.F.	Sarpedon.	
30.—P. & O.	Kaisar-I-Hind.	
Oct. 4.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
18.—P. & O.	Morea.	
Nov. 1.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	

HAVRE.

Mar. 31.—B.F.	Marionea.	
Apr. 5.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.	
9.—N.Y.K.	Haruna Maru.	
17.—P. & O.	Nellore.	
22.—N.Y.K.	Kamo Maru.	
23.—B.F.	Eurymedon.	
May 12.—B.F.	Helenus.	
24.—P. & O.	Khiva.	
30.—E.L.	City of York.	
June 9.—P. & O.	Delta.	
23.—P. & O.	Karmala.	
July 28.—P. & O.	Malwa.	
Aug. 4.—P. & O.	Devanha.	
22.—P. & O.	Mantua.	
Sept. 8.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
15.—B.F.	Sarpedon.	
30.—P. & O.	Kaisar-I-Hind.	
Oct. 4.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
18.—P. & O.	Morea.	
Nov. 1.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	

HAVRE.

Mar. 31.—B.F.	Marionea.	
Apr. 1.—B.F.	Perseus.	
30.—E.L.	City of York.	
May 1.—B.F.	Tencer.	
June 10.—B.F.	Calchas.	

DUNKIRK.

Mar. 29.—E.L.	City of York.	
Apr. 7.—E.A.	Asia.	

MARSEILLES, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW.

Apr. 1.—B.F.	Perseus.	
17.—N.Y.K.	Tenshima Maru.	
20.—B.F.	Alcinous.	
May 20.—B.F.	Ossa.	
June 1.—B.F.	Calchas.	

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Apr. 7.—E.A.	Asia.	
8.—J.C.J.L.	Mapia.	

ROTTERDAM.

Mar. 30.—E.L.	City of York.	
31.—B.F.	Marionea.	
Apr. 1.—G.L.	Pembrokeshire.	
7.—B.F.	Troilus.	
7.—E.A.	Asia.	
8.—J.C.J.L.	Mapia.	
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.	
9.—N.Y.K.	Haruna Maru.	
14.—B.F.	Glaucus.	
14.—E.L.	City of Cairo.	
23.—G.L.	Glengyle.	
23.—B.F.	Sarpedon.	
28.—B.F.	Eurymedon.	
May 5.—B.F.	Machaon.	
12.—B.F.	Helenus.	
19.—B.F.	Patroclus.	
June 16.—B.F.	Mentor.	

ANTWERP.

Mar. 31.—B.F.	Marionea.	
Apr. 5.—P. & O.	Khyber.	
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.	
9.—N.Y.K.	Haruna Maru.	
17.—P. & O.	Nellore.	
22.—N.Y.K.	Kamo Maru.	
23.—B.F.	Eurymedon.	
May 12.—B.F.	Helenus.	
24.—P. & O.	Khiva.	
30.—E.L.	City of York.	
June 9.—P. & O.	Delta.	
23.—P. & O.	Karmala.	
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Oct. 4.—P. & O.	Kashmir.	
18.—P. & O.	Morea.	
Nov. 1.—P. & O.	Kashgar.	

HAMBURG.

Mar. 29.—E.L.	City of York.	
Apr. 1.—G.L.	Pembrokeshire.	
7.—B.F.	Troilus.	
7.—E.A.	Asia.	
8.—J.C.J.L.	Mapia.	
9.—O.S.K.	Paris Maru.	
9.—N.Y.K.	Haruna Maru.	
14.—B.F.	Glaucus.	
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19.—B.F.	Patroclus.	
June 16.—B.F.	Mentor.	

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Mar. 29.—H.S.L.	Albert Vogler.	
Apr. 2.—H.A.L.	Odenkerken	
—H.L.	Leerdijkerk.	
14.—H.L.	Nienburg.	
25.—H.S.L.	Carl Leyten.	
May 2.—H.L.	Coelestis.	
27.—H.A.L.	Adolf Von Bayer.	
June 12.—H.L.	Triton.	
July 2.—H.L.	Holsatia.	

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Apr. 7.—D.L.	Prov. Adams.	

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"KHIVA"	9,457	31st May	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
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" Soup.—Tong Yuk ... ... "	26	20	15
" Steak.—Ngau Yuk Pa ... "	30	24	22
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" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kia "	26	20	18
" Feet.—Ngau Kuk... "	12	10	12
" Kidneys.—Ngau Yiu "	18	16	12
" —Ngau Mai ... ... "	27	20	23
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" Leg.—Yeung Pai ... ... "	42	36	25
" Shoulder.—Yeung Shau "	57	24	24
" Saddle.—Yeung On Yuk "	40	16	—
Pig's Chitlings.—Chu Chong "	35	25	27
Brains.—Chu No ... per set	3	21	12
Feet.—Chu Kuk ... ... lb.	18	15	—
" Fry.—Chu Chai ... ... "	30	15	15
" Head.—Chu Tau ... ... "	24	20	
" Heart.—Chu Sam ... ... each	15	10	10
" Kidneys.—Chu Yiu... ... each	12	10	8
" Liver.—Chu Kon ... ... lb.	42	30	24
Pork Chop.—Chu Pai Kwai ... "	26	23	23
" Leg.—Chu Pai... ... "	32	28	27
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Kidneys.—Yeung Yiu each	16	12	10
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" Fresh water.—Tien Shui Yu "	24	20	18
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Frogs.—Tin Kai... ... ... "	55	28	25
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Oysters.—Shang Ho ... ... "	30	16	22
Parrot Fish.—Kai Kung Yu ... "	36	16	9
Perch.—Tin Lo ... ... "	32	20	15
Pike.—Yu Pau Fong ... ... "	16	16	9
Plaice.—Pan Yu... ... ... "	45	28	14
Pomfret, Black.—Hak Chong ... "	40	26	29
Pomfret, White, Pak Chong ...	45	36	30
Prawns.—Ming Ha ... ... "	80	36	45
Ray.—Pai Pa Sha ... ... "	10	10	14
Rock Fish.—Shek Kau Kung ... "	22	12	16
Roach.—Chun Yu ... ... "	36	22	18
Salmon.—Ma Yau... ... ... "	50	36	30
Shark.—Sha Yu ... ... "	12	8	10
Skate.—Po Yu ... ... "	18	10	10
Shrimps.—Ha ... ... "	56	36	36
Snapper.—Lap Yu ... ... "	48	32	30
Soles.—Tak Sha Yu ... ... "	36	28	28
Tench.—Wan Yu ... ... "	40	22	16
Turbot.—Tso Man Yu ... ... "	38	18	12
Terrine, small fresh water.—Kauk Yu	1.20	40	...

Poultry.

	March 4, 1924.	June 4, 1923.	June 4, 1914.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken.—Kai ... ... lb.	45	30	21
Capons, Small.—Sin Kai ... "	45	32	26
Capons, Large.—Sin Ka ... "	45	32	30
Duck.—Ap ... ... "	36	30	23
Doves.—Pan Kau ... Each ...	25	15	—
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tan (cooking) per doz.	36	28	—
Eggs, Hen.—Kai Tan (fresh) ...per doz.	30	28	26
Fowls, Canton.—Kai... ... lb.	54	36	24
Fowls, Hainan.—Hoi Nam Kai ... "	55	36	
Geese.—Ngo ... ... "	34	24	24
Pigeons, Canton.—Pak Kap...each	48	30	
" Hollow.—Hoi Hau Pak Kap each	40	25	
Turkeys, Cock.—Fo Kai Kung lb.	70	60	6
Turkeys, Hen.—Fo Kai Na ... "	60	54	45
Snipe.—Sha Tsui... ... ... each		12	—
Pheasant.—Shan Kai... ... ... "	1.10	—	2
Quail.—Ous Chun ... ... "	25	—	—
Partridge.—Cha Kai ... ... "	1.00	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds.—Hang Yan ... ... lb.	60	35	
Apples, (California).—Ham Shan Ping Ko "	22	24	
Bananas, (Selle's), Macao.—San Heung Chiu "	5	4	
Chiambots.—Yeung To	12	—	
Cocoanuts.—Ye Tse ... ... each	12	10	10
Lemons, China.—Ling Mung... lb.	12	7	
Lemons, (America).—Kam Shan Ling Mung ... each	8	6	6
Lichees, Dried, (small sorts).—Lai Chi Kon lb.	32	25	9
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet.—Shan-shang Tim Chang lb.	12	—	10
Oranges, Tim Chang ... ... "	20	—	15
Pears, (Canton), Cooking.—Sha Li "	14	—	—
Pineapple.—Wo Shing ... ... "	12	10	12
Pomelo, Large.—Hung Tse ... "			
Plantain.—Tai Chiu ... ... "	5	3	4
Pumelo, Skin.—Yau Lo Yau ...each	20	12	8
Walnuts.—Hop To ... ... lb.	18		15
Grapes.—Po Tai Tau ... ... "	30		

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes.—Ah Chi Chauk ...each	10	—	8
Beans, Sprout.—Ngo Tau ... ... "	5		7
" Long.—Yau Kok ... ... "	12	8	—
Beet Root.—Hung Tsai Tau ... each		8	8
Bitter Squash.—Fu Kwa ... ... "	10	—	—
Brinjals, Green.—Ching Yun Kwa "	8	5	9
" Red.—Hung Kie... ... "	8	5	8
Cabbage—Chinese, (common).—Bai Tsoi "	8	5	13
" (Shanghai)—Ye Tsoi ... "	10	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch.—Kan Shau "			9
Cauliflower (Large).—Ye Tsoi Fa each	20	—	—
(Medium), " "	15	—	—
(Small), " "	12	—	—
Carrots.—Kam Shan ... ... lb.	6	6	6
Celery, Chinese.—Tong Kan Tsoi "	8	10	8
Chillies, Dried.—Kon Lat Chiu "	20	25	6
" Red.—Hung Fa Chiu ... "	15	10	6
" Green.—Ching Tsi Chiu ... "	14	8	12
Curry Stuff, English.—Ka Li Chi Tau	20	10	10
Cucumbers.—Ching Kwa... ...each	4	3	—
Garlic.—Suu Tau ... ... lb.	6	6	—
Ginger young.—Sun Tse Keung "	10	7	—
Ginger, old.—Lo Keung ... ... "	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai.—Lit Kau "	20	25	—
Indian Corn.—Shuk Mai ... ...each	10	6	4
Lettuce, Yeung Shung Tsoi ... lb.	6	1	
Water Chestnuts.—Ma Tai ... lb.	10	6	6
" Mandarin.—Kwai Lam Ma Tai ... "	15	10	6
Mushrooms, Fresh.—Shang Tso Ku lb.		—	3
Okras ... ... "		1	10
Onions, Bombay.—Yeung Ching Tau lb.	10	6	3
Onions, Green.—Shang Ching "	6	4	6
Onions, Shanghai.—Shang-hoi Chung Tau "	8	8	—
Parsley.—Kun Tsoi ... ... "	30	60	8
Potato, Sweet.—Tan Shu ... ... "	5	3	
" Japanese.—Yat Pun Shu Tsai lb.	5	3	—
" American.—Ya Ki Shu Tsai lb.	8	8	10
Pumpkin.—Tung Kwa ... ... lb.	4	3	4
Radish.—Hung Lo Pak Tsai ... "	5		
Rhubarb (Fresh).—Tai Wang ... "	5	—	10
Shallots.—Kong Chong Tau ... "	5	8	8
Spinach.—Yin Tsoi ... ... "	6	4	
Tomatoes.—Fan Ka ... ... "	8	7	7
Taro.—Wu Tau ... ... "	4	8	
Turnips, Punti, (Long).—Lo Pak "	5	4	
Vegetable Marrow.—Tati Kwa... "		4	—
Water Cress.—Sai Yeung Tsoi... "	8	15	—
" Lily root.—Lin Ngau... "	10	8	—

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Manila	SUISANG	Sat.,	29th Mar., 11 a.m.
Haiphong via Hongkong	LEESANG	Sun.,	30th Mar., 10 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	HOPSANG	Tues.,	1st Apr., 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Wed.,	2nd Apr., 2 p.m.
Tsingtau via Swatow & Shanghai	WOSANG	Wed.,	2nd Apr., 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Wed.,	2nd Apr., 1 p.m.
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Manila	YUENSANG	Sat.,	5th Apr., 11 a.m.
Shanghai via Swatow	WAISHING	Sun.,	6th Apr., 7 a.m.
Kobe via Shanghai	KUTSANG	Wed.,	9th Apr., 7 a.m.
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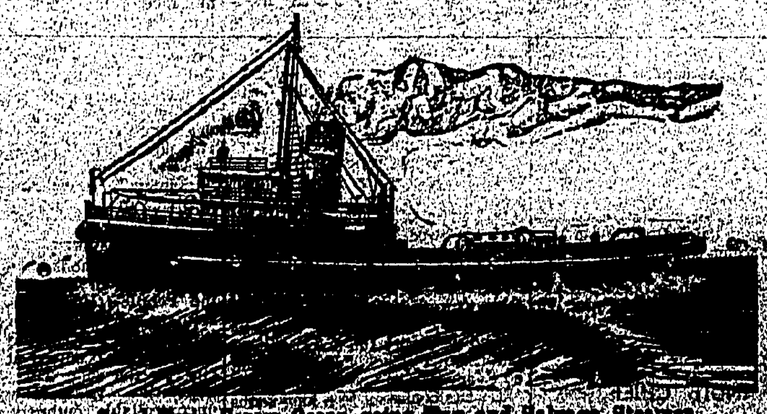

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FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROWS LEAGUE GAMES.

The following First Division matches are down for decision.

Surrey Regt. vs. South China, Club ground.

R.G.A. v. Police, Sookumpo ground.

Kowloon v. Ambrose, Kowloon ground.

Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.

This is the first meeting of the Surreys and Chinese in the League, and a good game is expected. In the Shield Competition the Soldiers managed to knock out the athletic by the odd goal in three. Should the Chinese win and they are expected to they are assurred of the League Championship.

Both Stands on the ground will be available and the prices for admission will be $1 for the covered and 50 cent. for the uncovered one.

The Gunners are at home to the police, and a very even game should be seen. The latter will not be at full strength, Johnson and Simpson being likely absentees. A draw is a likely result.

Kowloon on their own ground should not have much trouble in annexing two points at the expense of the Sailors, whose new team have not yet got into each others play.

THE LONG LONG TRAIL.

HONGKONG SOLICITOR HEADS A PROCESSION.

A motley crew of Chinese, most of them hatless, and hardly inspiring of trien were seen following closely on the trail of a well known solicitor, dogging his footsteps and never losing sight of him as he blithely trod the streets of Hongkong this morning.

Twenty of them, all determined looking, each one with the other intent on tracking down their quarry kept in view Mr. R. E. A. Webster who with a bundle of briefs under his arm was stepping cheerfully on, evidently satisfied with his morning's work at the Summary Court. Was Mr. Webster aware of this trail behind him; this band of hefty Chinese who with the cunning of a Sherlock Holmes were shadowing him to his lair? Mr. Webster turned round once or twice and seemed blissfully ignorant of his apparent danger. Now and again he nodded an affable good morning to an acquaintence who in reply turned round and stared in amazement at the procession. The solicitor made for his office. The crowd followed eagerly. What happened inside is known only to Mr. Webster. Yet he emerged from the ordeal scathless and ate his tiffin with relish.

The explanation is simple. When Mr. Webster asked for an adjournment in a certain case this morning in order to interview his plaintiffs Mr. Justice Gompertz said that the plaintiffs had better go with Mr. Webster to his office and follow him for they were liable to get lost. There was a laugh in Court and the plaintiffs—"Mr. Chok" and "19 others"—trooped out.

BANDIT CHIEF.

ONLY ONCE ROBBED A POOR MAN.

Chief of a robber band which has terrorised mountain districts of Transylvania for years, Stephen Blenesi, formerly a Hussar officer, has been captured after a desperate fight by a detective who arrested him singlehanded in the open country.

From Klausenburg to Constanza he was known as the "King of the Mountains." His exploits included the holding up of trains in "Wild West" style, organised attacks on farmhouses, and highway robbery of wealthy travellers, whom his band stripped of their clothing as well as all their money and valuables.

He deposited the net profits of his "business" at regular intervals in a bank at Galatz, with the intention of going to the United States when he had enough. But one of his band found out all about this deposit, when Blenesi was drunk, and collected some £10,000 with which he fled to America. Blenesi arrived a few days later at Galatz to find his money vanished.

Penniless and furious Blenesi returned to Marosvasarhely, the chief town in Eastern Transylvania, where his mother lives and begged and borrowed enough to live upon for the time being, hoping to reassemble the comrades he had deserted. But they were all captured in their stronghold in the mountains, where they were starving, and gave the police a very full description of him and his probable disguises, and by this means he was tracked down.

He has confessed to a long series of robberies, but expressed no contribution for any of them except the theft of a small sum from a railway servant who took a letter for him to his mother. He stole the money from the man's room when left alone for a few minutes and went with shame that he had ever dolen such a trifling sum and from a man poorer than himself.

EAST INDIA HOUSE.

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An excellent and most interesting account is given by Mr. William Foster in "The East India House" (Lane, 12s. 6d.) of that famous trading establishment in the London of the past, with its romance and its many associations. The last remnant of the last East India House—for there were several, as the offices of the East India Company were more than once rebuilt—vanished from Leadenhall-street about 60 years ago.

The company had its headquarters there in the days of the great plague, which were not quite the glorious times which some have imagined.

Dark, rickety buildings, huddled together; the primitive methods of disposing of sewage; the use of water from a polluted river or from wells near choked-up graveyards; the personal uncleanliness that prevailed—all these provided an excellent breeding-ground for an epidemic.

The pay of the East India clerks was not bad, when the much greater purchasing power of money—probably five times its present value—is taken into account; and everybody into the bargain seems to have helped himself with the easy morality of that age. The hours of work were from 8 in the morning to 7 at night, with two hours off for midday dinner.

Holiday leave for anything beyond a day or two had not then (in the seventeenth century) been dreamed of. Occasionally a clerk was permitted on his humble petition to go to The Bath or some other watering-place for the benefit of his health.

TIENTSIN RACE CLUB.

INTERPRETATION OF "CHINA PONY."

TIENTSIN, March 27.

At a meeting of the Tientsin Race Club, held this evening, a resolution was passed instructing the Inspection Committee to interpret the "type of pony not customarily bred in China, Mongolia and Manchuria" in drastic manner, and to rigidly exclude all animals showing any trace of cross-breeding with horses, thus making a bye-law similar to the one recently passed at Shanghai, but with this difference, that, "in a case of doubt a two-thirds majority must favour passing the pony before it is eligible to race."

The new law is to be enforced at the forthcoming spring meeting.—Courtesy *Daily Bulletin*.

THRILLS AND LAUGHS.

CORONET'S ADVENTURE PICTURE.

Love works wonders. Certainly it worked them with "Blinky," the hero of this evening's big Coronet movie film, for it changed a bashful tenderfoot into a dashing hero; though not, be it added, until he had passed through some vastly amusing mishaps. Blinky was the son of a cavalry colonel who had been known as "Raw Meat," but his mother had brought him up to be a nice boy. Consequently when he was drafted to the Mexican border he became the butt of his rougher army companions. This he might have remained until the very end but for two events, the first extremely unpleasant, though not without its comical side, and the second almost intoxicating in its reckless adventure. Blinky had been placed on guard duty but the liquor smugglers proved too smart for him. They stole his horn-rimmed spectacles—supreme indignity—and sent him back to the Army post in disgrace. That would have meant "finish" for him but for the other event, which was the kidnapping of the major's daughter, not less. With love as the spur, Blinky rose to his chance. Employing all his despised boy scout lore, he tracked down the outlaws, and after a most thrilling rescue, returned with the major's daughter in triumph. That athletic young cowboy, Hoot Gibson, plays the part of Blinky and mightily well he does it too—comically helpless as the mother's darling, woefully resigned as the much badgered recruit, and exultingly reckless as the desperate lover careering over the cactus-studded desert to rescue the girl of his heart.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Motor-car No. 630 belonging to the Wan Kau (Globe?) Co., accidentally knocked over a Chinese painter in Main Street, Shaukiwan, yesterday. The painter was injured in the face and right leg.

That passports are still needed was emphasized in a Police court prosecution this morning. Rooda Khan, an Indian, was sentenced to two months' jail and ordered to be deported under Ordinance 35 of 1923, section 2, sub-section 1. According to Sergeant Hopkins who had charge of the case, defendant was found in Hunghom. When brought to the station he had neither passport nor papers.

Application was made this morning to a Police Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) by Lance-Sergeant Walter for confiscation of ammunition seized on ships. His Worship made the necessary orders in respect of 9,670 rounds of ammunition found on the "Angkor" on Monday and 970 rounds on the "President Wilson" on Wednesday.

Evidently the stowaway nuisance on the Manila-Hongkong line is becoming intolerable again. This morning, Acting Inspector Spear of the Water Police requested Mr. R. E. Lindsell to deal severely with eight Filipino stowaways as "quite a lot of them were coming from Manila to Hongkong." Defendants had been arrested on the "President McKinley." His Worship imposed sentence of four weeks' jail for orch

Our Kongmoon correspondent writes that an outbreak between the People's Volunteers and the soldiery at Kongmoon was narrowly averted on Tuesday. Something similar occurred at San Wui city on the same day. The civil population is apprehensive of uncontrollable outbreaks as the result of bad feeling. Leung Hungkai, commander-in-chief on the Yeungkong front has returned to Kongmoon and his troops have moved to Sunning city. Nobody knows why he has left the scene of operations except that he might have had differences with his colleagues.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SCOTTISH GAMES.

London, March 27.—In the Scottish League Airdrieonians and Queen's Park drew 2-2; Falkirk lost to Hamilton by 2 goals to 1. In the Scottish Cup re-played semi-final, Aberdeen and Hibernian played a goalless draw at Glasgow.—*Reuter*.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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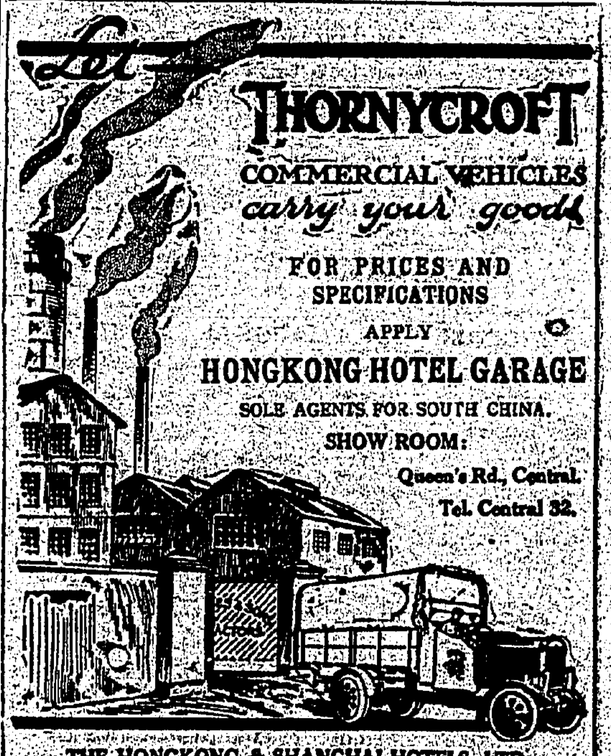

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RENTS RIDDLE.

WHEN SHOULD NOTICE EXPIRE?

The hearing of the action under the Rents Ordinance in which an objection was lodged by the Secretary of Chinese Affairs to one of his assistants (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill) being called upon to give evidence was continued at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice Gompertz yesterday afternoon.

Mr. H. C. MacNamara, for the plaintiffs, having closed his case subject to the question of Mr. Nihill's evidence, His Honour said he would let the case proceed and if he found on certain facts for the plaintiffs it would be unnecessary for argument regarding Mr. Nihill's evidence. If he was against plaintiffs Mr. MacNamara would be ready to argue it.

Mr. MacNamara: Yes, my lord.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defence, said Mr. MacNamara's points were two. The first was that a notice to quit at Common Law either monthly or weekly could terminate at any time, and further that this being more than a month it was a good notice in Common Law. The second point was that even if it was not a good notice at Common Law the particular wording of the Increase of Rents' Ordinance made it sufficient for the landlord to apply for possession after the Ordinance had been passed. He would deal first with the question of whether the notice was good or bad. It was decided very early that in the case of a quarterly tenancy a quarter's notice was sufficient. That was in 1814 and the notice was terminable on the quarter day. But in the matter of monthly and weekly tenancies, it had never been definitely settled what length of time was necessary. Never had it been suggested or thought possible that any person should terminate a tenancy in the middle of the period. It had never even been mentioned, and the reason he considered was because no one ever doubted it. In their wildest nightmares the judges of the middle 19th century never thought of it. It had always been taken for granted that these tenancies should not end in the middle of the period. If his Lordship was going to admit the notice terminating a tenancy in the middle of a period it would be just as logical to hold that it could terminate at a certain hour. From 1864 onwards it was held by all text books that a monthly tenancy required some notice to quit, probably a month and he did not have the smallest doubt that it must relate to the month and was to end at the end of the month. He went on to quote many cases over a long period of years, relying mainly on a recent judgment by Mr. Justice Lush in the Divisional court.

His Honour adjourned the case provisionally to April 7.

ARTILLERY SPORTS.

TWO DAYS' MEETING FINISHES TO-DAY.

The opening events in the two days' athletic meeting of the Royal Artillery were staged yesterday afternoon on the United Services ground at Kowloon. Preliminary heats in nineteen contests were competed and nine finals decided. The meeting will be continued to-day with a programme of 26 events, the first of which is timed for 2 p.m. Points won up to the present puts 83 Company in the lead with 50, 94 Company next with 36, and 88 Company with 28. The R. A. Officers will present a cup to the competitor who is adjudged by the Committee to have done the best at the sports.

Tug of War: 88 Company beat 94 Company.

220 yards (British): 1, Lieut. Sugden; 2, Lieut. Henslowe; 3, Gr. Hensworth.

Putting the Shot: 1, Bomdr. Lodge; 2, Bomdr. Stewart; 3, Bomdr. Barton.

High Jump: 1, Gr. Harris (4 feet, 10 inches.); 2, Gr. Bradley; 3, Bomdr. Lodge.

Throwing Cricket Ball: 1, Gr. Browne (84 yards, 5 inches); 2, Gr. Hensworth; 3, Bomdr. Cleverley.

Sack race: 1, Bomdr. Barton; 2, Trumpeter Holland; 3, Bomdr. Cleverley.

Long Jump: 1, Gr. Lucock (17 feet, 4 inches.); 2, Gr. Harris; 3, Gr. Bradley.

Royal Artillery Mile: 1, Gr. Newson (5 Tin. 22 secs.); 2, Gr. Billett; 3, Gr. Newman.

Boat Race: 1, 88 Company; 2, 88 Company.

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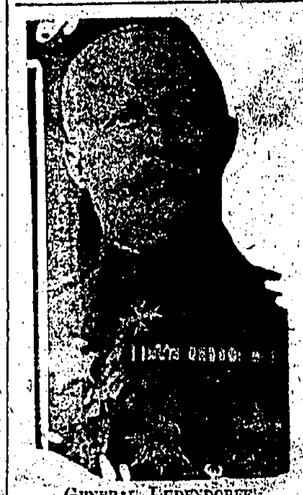

GENERAL LUDENDORFF.

Munich, March 28.—The five weeks' trial of Ludendorff and Hitler has been concluded. The verdict will be announced on April 1.

The accused received an ovation and were presented with flowers by the public as they left the court.—*Reuter.*

[General Ludendorff, Adolf Hitler and seven others were tried for high treason in connection with the unsuccessful Bavarian monarchist coup.]

BRITISH LEGION.

ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

Less than a dozen members attended the annual meeting of the Hongkong and China branch of the British Legion last night.

In presenting the annual report, Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird, the chairman said the balance sheet showed that cash in hand at the bank was $3,170 and since the accounts had been closed they had received $1,867 from Sir Paul Chater's fund and subscriptions amounting to $75. They had therefore $5,113 to their credit. It was gratifying to announce that there had been fewer applicants for relief and they hoped it was indicative of improvement of ex-service men here and elsewhere.

The Chairman commented on the success of Poppy Day when £1,007 was collected and forwarded to Headquarters of the Legion and read a letter from the Secretary of the Appeal Department, thanking him for their effort. He was sure they would agree that a hearty vote of thanks was due to Mr. D. L. Ralph, his sub-committee, the ladies who sold poppies and all who assisted on Poppy Day.

The membership of the Legion was now 119 and the Chairman hoped new members would join. He was sure there was a large number of ladies in the Colony eligible for membership. The Legion was open to all ladies who had done nursing, car driving, or other war work. It was with regret that he had to announce the resignation of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. E. Cable), and the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. J. Hawker) who were both going Home. Their thanks were due to them and to the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. A. Piercy for auditing the accounts.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. F. C. Hall and carried.

The following were elected on the Committee: Lt. Comdr. Conway Hake, Mr. Hall Brutton, Mr. F. W. James, Mr. F. C. Hall, Rev. Clouston Porri and Mr. H. Glanville. Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird was again elected president and Mr. Hall Brutton chairman.

Mr. R. E. Cable agreed to carry on the secretarial duties till a successor be appointed.

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TENNIS TOURNEY.

NG SZE-KWONG'S GOOD SHOWING.

Meeting N. Trambitsky in the third round of open singles event, Ng Sze-kwong gave a display of tennis worthy of his reputation and won decisively in three sets. His opponent had occasional flashes of brilliance but was inclined to be nervous.

Ng Sze-kwong meets Honda in the fourth round, the winner entering the semi-final.

When the singles match was over, spectators went to another court to see S. E. and D. S. Green beat C. C. Stark and A. D. Humphreys to enter the semi-final of the handicap doubles. The losers started well but by dint of hard work the Greens crept up and won. Humphreys was decidedly "off-colour."

Yesterday's Results.

OPEN SINGLES.

First Round.—D. J. Allfree beat Hung Hund-chung 6-1, 1-6, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

Third Round.—Ng Sze-kwong beat N. Trambitsky.

Handicap Doubles.—S. E. and D. S. Green (—4/6) beat C. C. Stark and A. D. Humphreys (—2/6) 6-3, 6-4.

To-day's Matches.

OPEN SINGLES.

Third Round.—A. A. Rumjahn v. H. D. Rumjahn.

OPEN DOUBLES.

Second Round.—Ho Wei-hing and Ho Ka-lau v. H. Owen Hughes and G. R. More.

Third Round.—S. A. and A. H. Rumjahn v. N. Trambitsky and H. Krebs.

Handicap Singles "A"—D. G. Allfree (+2/6) v. R. M. Henderson (+5/6); W. B. Cornaby (+5/6) v. R. E. Worthington (—15/8); A. Leech (+15) v. W. C. Thomas (+15).

Handicap Singles "B": G. D. Jillings (+2/6) v. C. T. Fowle (+3/6).

Handicap Doubles: G. W. Sewell and C. Blaker (—1/6) v. F. A. Redmond and M. Roffey (—2/6); A. B. Raworth and M. Maas (—3/6) v. D. Burlingham and C. G. Perdue (+1/6).

PETER THE GREAT.

STRONG MAN COMES TO THE STAR.

The Management of the Star Theatre is pleased to announce the forthcoming engagement of Peter the Great for a season of four days, commencing Sunday, when a matinee will be given at 6 p.m.

Peter the Great, whose real name is Peter Limutkin, claims the title of the "The Strongest Man in all the World." He comes here direct from his notable success at the Manila Carnival where he thrilled thousands daily with his strength-defying feats.

A $1,000 reward is offered for anyone that can perform the long list of seemingly impossible strength tests, among which might be mentioned, lifting two men with his little finger; lifting five men with one hand; twisting iron bars into horse shoe shape and defying twenty men to straighten them out; and having iron bars hit against his mighty arm and making them bend as though they were wax. Probably the most sensational and thrilling feat of all is where he lays down on the stage and allows a Seven-Passenger Buick, fully loaded, to run across his chest.

Besides being the world's champion strong man, Peter holds the Heavy-Weight Wrestling Championship of the Orient, having defended his title against all comers in all parts of the East. He now issues a challenge to anyone in the Colony for a match.

In conjunction with the above variety turn an exceptionally good picture programme will be provided, namely "Playing with Fire," featuring Gladys Walton, and an amusing Felix the Cat Comedy, "Felix Comes Back."

MUSIC FOR ALL.

SATURDAY'S PHILHARMONIC CONCERT.

Those who have not already booked their seats for the Philharmonic Society's concert on Saturday, should do so without further delay, as all the best seats are rapidly being taken up.

An attractively printed programme giving all the words of the various items will be on sale and copies can be obtained beforehand if desired from the Anderson Music Company, where the booking plan is still on view.

We understand that the concert is expected to finish at about 11.15 p.m., so there will be no danger of missing the last tram or ferry.

The members of the Philharmonic Society have been working hard, and will thoroughly deserve the success which they are anticipating as a result of their efforts to provide the Colony with high class and at the same time popular music, worthily rendered.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 1 as usual, the following should be noted:—

Hongkong Stock Exchange:—

H.K. Hotels ex rights 20¼ nom. rights $8 premium buyers.

Cements ex rights $27 buyers rights 6¾ prem. buyers.

Ropes ex rights ex bonus $24½ nominal, rights $3 prem. buy. Bonus shares $24½ nominal.

Hongkong Developments $1.20 buyers; $1.15 sales.

China Buses $10¼ buyers.

NAM PAK HONG MARKETS.

The "Empress of Russia" has brought to this Colony 35,000 "quarter" sacks of flour.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:

Java sugar, average quality, per picul net:—No. 24 rough white $13.20, No. 24 fine white 14.70, No. 18 rough brown 13.20, Java brown 12.80.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net:—No. 1 Siam long white $8.80, No. 1 Saigon long white 7.50.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs:—White Greens $2.80, Nutmeg Orange 2.68, Sperry's XXX 3.48, Kingfisher, 2.83, Maize 2.55, Big Gun 2.75, Globe 2.55, Old Mill 2.55, Reindeer 2.60, White Rose 2.55, Dayton 2.55, Banana 2.55.

KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL BANK.

The Kwangtung Provincial Bank, which suspended business some three years ago, will resume business soon.

Mr. Cheng Hung Nin, the Secretary of Finance, will use the proceeds derived from the sale of Government lands as capital and has also deputised one Cheung Pui to look into the Bank's record.

It is reported that Yeung Saingam will be the Manager.

PALM LEAF FANS.

Sun Wui is the district which produces palm leaf fans for export to foreign markets. It is estimated that the annual value of the export of this particular product approximates one million dollars and that labours (both men and women) employed in this particular product are at least several hundred thousands. Soldiers stationed in this district now decided to levy a tax on the export of this fans, says the *Canton Gazette*. The labourers and men concerned declared that they would go on strike if the tax was not cancelled.

CANTON FIRE INSURANCE.

According to the *Canton Gazette*, in order to safeguard the interest of the Policyholders of the Poning and Kwong Wa Fire Insurance Companies of Tai Ping Maloo and Tung On Street respectively, the Treasury ordered them to make a deposit and on the request being unheeded, the Police were notified and the above-named Companies had to cease business.

DUTCH LOAN.

LONDON, March 27.

An issue has been arranged in London, to the City of Amsterdam, of a two to three million sterling loan at 5½%. The price is below par, and for fifty years' currency, redeemable by annual drawings at par, with the borrower's option to redeem wholly or partly after a decade.

The loan is for the purpose of housing and extension of floating debt.—*Reuter.*

SIAMESE LOAN.

LONDON, March 27.

The subscription list for the Siamese loan opens to-day.—*Reuter.*

LATER.

The Siamese loan is closed.—*Reuter.*

BILLIARDS TOURNEY.

K. K. LEUNG v. MAJOR GANDY.

K. K. Leung, better known as Leung Kam-kong, one time Chinese billiards champion and considered one of the best in the Colony when Sergeant Pitt, H.K.P., was official champion, defeated Major Gandy, R.E., in the first round of the billiards Tournament at the V.R.C. last night.

Although the final scores read 800 to 687, Major Gandy was never far behind. Play was of a high order and Leung made the highest break in the competition to date.

The best breaks were:—

Leung: 69, 45, 38, 34, 30, 25, 24, 23 (2), 21 (2).

Gandy: 40, 35, 30, 25, 21, 20.

To-night C. Earnshaw is down to meet H. C. Balchin.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WHERE THE CHURCH FAILS.

[*To the Editor of the China Mail.*]

'I know it not, O Soul
Nor does thou, all is a blank before us,
All waits undreamed of in that region,
That inaccessible land.'

Sir,—These words can summarize my reply to your correspondent, 'Veritas.'

I wish to state that I did not set out in the first instance, to discourse on religion. 'Old and Well-Meaning' attempted to prove his conclusions by including in his illustration, sacred beliefs which he imagines himself to have outgrown. I thought that although he was sceptical, he should none the less respect them for the sake of those good souls to whom they are so important and merely ventured to tell him so.

With feelings admixed with awe and surprise I read the letter of 'Veritas'. Inasmuch as his logic is well-presented, I must confess that it has lamentably failed to convince.

He said 'I have perused Mr. Silva's peroration and whilst I think his blind faith a Beautiful thing' etc. Marcus Aurelius, a great logician said in his meditations 'Everything which is in any way beautiful, is beautiful in itself and I also think, that in the natural order of logic if a thing is beautiful and interesting (as your correspondent states) it must also be good and being good it should also follow that it must be true to be good. Hence Fortis Est Veritas but not our particular Veritas.

The mind as we know is the receptive organ of thought and the first message which the particular mind of your correspondent received from my statements (to judge from his opening remarks), was that of something beautiful. If he thought so, is there not hidden somewhere behind his mechanism of thought, a reflex of thing beautiful? Why then cannot he allow himself to be guided always by that inner, superior reasoning which knows no compromise?

Veritas believes in logic. Using one of Socrates' law of logic 'The Law of Opposites' I shall attempt to demonstrate the ultimate end of too much logic. The opposite of logic is, if I may say so, extreme ignorance or even lunacy. The opposite of life is death or in other words life generates death. Can it not follow also in this order of reasoning that logic generates Lunacy?

Your correspondent then states that my blind faith savours more of a child's belief in fairy-tales. It is remarkable that whilst he considers himself as having outgrown the age of belief in fairy tales, that he should still call it Interesting.

In Paragraph 2 of his letter your correspondent maintains that the 'Virgin Birth' is a physical impossibility. I would like to know exactly what he considers to be 'Physical Impossibilities'? Has he not seen the sun going in a prescribed direction, from East to West, in the course of a day? It would appear that the sun is moving and yet we all know that the sun is stationary, that it is the earth and not the sun that revolves. Is this also not a physical impossibility as far as logic goes?

Conceding again that logic in itself can never be wrong, where in the world is the man who can boast himself the possessor of that great, infallible logic?—Another great logician also mentioned that Humanum Est Errare (to err is human) and for this reason I still maintain that logic alone could lead us nowhere, for where would we be, groping along some dim corridor of doubt, if it were not for that absolute, implicit faith in a superior reasoning; a faith that floods the whole world with its manifested splendour, shattering every particle of scepticism and bringing forth each doubt transmuted.

Your correspondent also vehemently declaims that he has outlived all the 'Fetters of Religion' (if I may so phrase it.) Yet, I am sure there was a time when he was guided by it. A great teacher one said, 'When I was a child I spoke like a child, understood as a child, thought as a child but when I became a man I put away childish things, but he who has forgotten his childhood and lost sympathy with the little children is not the man who can teach them or help them.'

Your correspondent mentions my belief in fairy-tales. I deplore the fact that he cannot interpret the ethics of Christianity as my fairy-tales reveal them to me. If instead of believing that it is a religion which promises wonderful things in the hereafter to the loafer and down-trodden he can see that universal brotherhood of man and unselfish love which came with the initiation of Christ binding all creation from the atoms to the Divinity with 'Golden chords about the feet of God.'

'We simply do not need the consolation of religion any more.' These words of your correspondent fill me with awe because whatever defects one religion in particular may have, across the waste places of my life, I have found that religion a balm and solace from care and a refuge from the world when all else failed.

If your correspondent believes in that love between equals which is friendship and co-operation and that unceasing, ever-cherishing love his own mother bore him, perhaps he may also catch a glimpse of that great, unselfish love accentuated in the whole life of Christ and his gospel.

According to my own small reasoning, even supposing that there should be a multitude of imperfections in Christianity, arising out of bigotry and super-education, it should be incumbent upon us not to be Renegades, seeking a new faith but to believe that only the thinning veils of time can unscreen the perfections or a ray of that light which is God walking in His garden. Nothing is perfect in this world, no man is, not even Veritas! So why should imperfect man demand a perfect faith?—If it were given him could he in his own imperfection understand it?

If Veritas thinks he is no longer ignorant but enlightened, he must not think the less of religion in general because it is still, essentially important to the masses; because each faith has its place in the moral attainment and their use and especially because they are like some double lines which taught Veritas as a child to write straight and properly until he learned better.

Thanking you for all this space Mr. Editor,

Yours etc.,

H. M. SILVA.

Hongkong, March 27.

New York, March 27.—Tartakower and Edward Lasker drew. Alekhine defeated Reti. By defeating Reti, Alekhin ousted Doctor Lasker from the first position in the chess tournament. Doctor Lasker is now second, with Reti and Tartakower in a tie for third.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Rome, March 27.—About a hundred fatalities are reported, as the result of a cloud-burst and landslide at Amalfi. All the tourists are believed to be safe, Houses, vineyards, and olive plantations were carried away, and a number of fishing boats sunk.—*Reuter.*

A *Reuter* cable from London announces the death of Sir Walter Parratt, the eminent musician and composer, who was Private Organist to Queen Victoria, besides having held many positions of distinction in the musical world. Born in Yorkshire in 1841, he was organist in several Northern churches before coming to London

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Home Life of British Cabinet Ministers and their Wives and Families.—Mr. C. G. Ammon, the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, with his wife and two daughters at their home in Bermondsey.

M. Zinovieff who is reported in to-day's cables to have announced that Britain is claiming 10,390,000,000 roubles for Russian loans.

To-day's cables report that the Prime Minister of Australia has stated that he believes the Singapore base to be absolutely essential in the interests of world peace.

Mr. W. P. G. Harding, former Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, who has declined the offer of appointment as League of Nations Commissioner for Hungary in connection with the reconstruction loan.

Photo by Central News. *Block by Nam Sun.*

Sir John and Lady Simon and party, including Mr. B. C. Nesbitt, M.P. for Chislehurst (extreme left) at the fancy dress carnival at the Schloss Hotel, Pontresina. Sir John is wearing a hat labelled "Free Trade."

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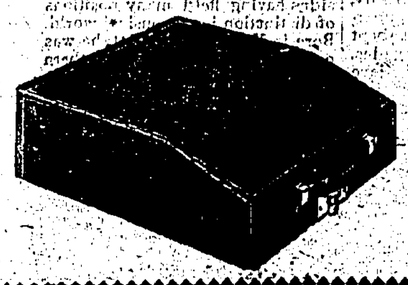

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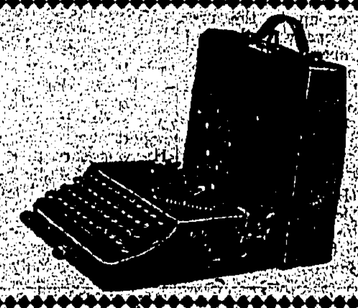

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FROM SHANGHAI.

Mar. 29.—H.A.L. Albert Vogler.

FROM BANGKOK.

Mar. 31.—E. A. Bintang.
Apr. 12.—E. A. Banka.

FROM SINGAPORE.

Mar. 29.—N.Y.K. Hakodate Maru.
Apr. 1.—B. I. Howrah.
9.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM MOJI.

Mar. 30.—E. & A. Arafura.

FROM MANILA.

Apr. 9.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM SANDAKAN.

Mar. 27.—O.S.K. Sourabaya Maru.

FROM JAVA.

Mar. 30.—J.O.J.L. Tilliwong.
Apr. 9.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM ZAMBOANGA & CEBU.

Apr. 9.—U.S.S.B. West Prospect.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Apr. 5.—B. I. Gogra.
May 3.—B. I. Takada.
18.—B. I. Torilla.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Apr. 4.—E. & A. St. Albans.
5.—B. & S. Kut.
May 2.—E. & A. Eastern.
June 6.—E. & A. Arafura.
July 4.—E. & A. St. Albans.
Aug. 1.—E. & A. Eastern.
Sept. 5.—E. & A. Arafura.
Oct. 3—E. & A. St. Albans.

FROM SEATTLE, VANCOUVER Etc.

Mar. 30.—A. O. L. Pres. Jackson.
Apr. 9.—B. F. Empress of Asia.
10.—C.P.S. Pres. Jefferson.
11.—A. O. L. Protesilaus.
30.—B. F. Achilles.
May 28.—B. F. Philoctetes.
June 18.—B. F. Tyndareus.
July 16.—B. F. Protesilaus.
Aug. 6.—B. F. Achilles.
Sept. 3.—B. F. Philoctetes.
24.—B. F. Tyndareus.
Oct. 15.—B. F. Protesilaus.
Nov. 5.—B. F. Achilles.
Dec. 3.—B. F.

SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES.

Mar. 29.—U.S.S.B. West Cajoot.
Apr. 8.—U.S.S.B. West Ivan.

FROM 'FRISCO, HONOLULU, KOBE, S'HAI.

Mar. 31.—D.S.L. Pres. Adams.
Apr. 12.—D.S.L. Pres. Monroe.
23.—D.S.L. Pres. Polk.

FROM NEW YORK & BOSTON.

Mar. 31.—P. L. Moorish Prince.

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Mar. 30.—H.A.L. Havelland.
30.—B. F. Perseus.
Apr. 8.—N.Y.K. Atsuta Maru.
10.—J.O.J.L. Oostkerk.
30.—H.A.L. Saarland.
May 6.—J.O.J.L. Onderkerk.
June 3.—J.O.J.L. Oldekerk.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Apr. 7.—M. M. Chambord.
21.—M. M. Paul Lecat.
28.—M. M. Andre Lebon.

FROM LONDON.

Mar. 30.—G. L. Glenshane.
Apr. 3.—P. & O. Kashmir.
3.—P. & O. Soudan.
17.—P. & O. Plassy.
17.—G. L. Glengarry.
May 1.—P. & O. Khivale.
4.—G. L. Glenamoy.
12.—P. & O. Sicilia.
15.—G. L. Glenapp.
15.—P. & O. Kashgar.
29.—P. & O. Morea.
June 10.—P. & O. Soudan.
12.—P. & O. Karmala.
26.—P. & O. Malwa.
July 9.—P. & O. Sicilia.
10.—P. & O. Devanha.
24.—P. & O. Mantua.
Aug. 7.—P. & O. Rhyber.
21.—P. & O. Kaiser-I-Hind.
Sept. 4.—P. & O. Kashmir.
18.—P. & O. Morea.
Oct. 2.—P. & O. Kashgar.
17.—P. & O. Malwa.
31.—P. & O. Karmala.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Mar. 30.—B. F. Rhesus.
Apr. 7.—B. F. Helenus.
13.—B. F. Antolycus.
12.—B. F. Ogafa.
14.—B. F. Patroclus.
25.—B. F. Automedon.
28.—B. F. Theseus.
30.—B. F. Diomed.
May 13.—B. F. Laomedon.
14.—B. F. Mentor.
23.—B. F. Lycaon.
28.—B. F. Polyphemus.
31.—B. F. Cyclops.

FROM HAMBURG.

Apr. 8.—H.A.L. Oldenburg.
15.—H.A.L. Havelland.

FROM ROTTERDAM.

Mar. 31.—B. F. Rheaus.

FROM COPHENHAGEN.

Apr. 9.—E. A. Chile.
26.—E. A. Africa.
May 20.—E. A. Malaya.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hakodate Maru" (Bombay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Mar. 28 and is expected here to-morrow.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jackson" which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 30 sailed from Kobe for Shanghai on Mar. 24 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Rheaus" from Liverpool left Singapore on Mar. 25 for this port and is due here on Mar. 30.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Moji for this port on Mar. 26 at p.m. and is due here on Mar. 30 at about 6 p.m.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Adams" which is due at this port on Mar. 31 arrived at Shanghai on Mar. 25 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Morienus" for Havre, London and Rotterdam is due here to-day. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Mar. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama on Mar. 21 left Yokohama on Mar. 22 and is due at Vancouver on Mar. 2.

The B. I. s.s. "Howra" left Singapore for this port on Mar. 25 at a.m. and is due here on Apr. 1 at about 8 a.m.

The B. F. s.s. "Perseus" for Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow left Hongkong on Mar. 21 for this port and is due here on Mar. 30. The vessel will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Apr. 1.

The O.S.K. s.s. "Alps Maru" left Singapore on Mar. 25 and will arrive here on Apr. 1.

The C.P.R. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" Capt. A. J. Stevens, R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria, Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai and Yokohama (Weather, Squalls) Kobe and Yokohama at Noon on Apr. 2.

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March 26.

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	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Mt Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1720
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1306
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	995

MAINLAND.

Taimoshan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971
Lion Rock	1645
Shatin Pass	1000
Customs Pass	780
Devil's Peak	734

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 5 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 8 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 5 inches to the height given in the table.

March 24 to 30, 1924.

Date	Day	Standard Time	High Water Height	Hongkong Standard Time	Low Water Height
		h m	feet	h m	feet
Mon.	24	m 11 22	6.4	m 5 10	2.1
		11 55 a		5 54 a	2.1
Tues.	25	m 11 55	6.4	m 6 48 a	1.7
				6 54 a	1.7
Wed.	26	m 0 37	5.8	m 6 18	2.1
		0 38 a	5.8	6 48 a	2.0
Thur.	27	m 1 16	5.6	m 7 18 a	2.1
		1 29 a	5.6	7 55 a	2.0
Fri.	28	m 1 58	5.3	m 7 36	2.0
		2 11 a	5.3	10 45 a	2.0
Sat.	29	m 2 42	5.1	m 9 13	1.9
		3 11 a	5.3		
Sun.	30	m 3 14	5.6	m 9 6	1.7
		5 52 a	5.9	m 11 9	1.7

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H.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate on London	2/4 1/2	2/4 1/2
and on Shanghai	$ 72 1/2	$72 1/2
Hongkong Banks	$1160 b.	London £130 n. (ex. 1155 n. £90
Chartered Bank		£ 19 1/2 n. b. £13
P. & O. Bank		£-12 1/2 b. b. 99 1/2
East Asia Bank	97 1/2 b.	n. "A" 2 1/2
Mercantile Bank A B	£39 n.	
do. C	£12 n.	
Marine Insurances		
Canton Insurance	715 b.	b. 715
North China Insurance	$ 140 b.	n. 140
Union Insurance	$ 245 sa.	n. 245
Insurance Yangtsze	$ 27 b.	b. 27
China Und'rs	1 1/2 s.	
Far Eastern		b. 145
Fire Insurances		b. 525 x.d.
China Fire Insurance	$ 145 b.	
Hongkong Fire Insurance	$ 520 b. x.d.	
Shipping		b. 57
Douglases	$ 58 b. 59 sa.	t. 38 1/2 sa. 39/40
H.K. Steamboats	$ 40 sa	n. 35
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$ 38 b.	
do. (Def.)	$ 133 1/2 n.	n. 130
do. (H.K. Reg.)	133 1/2 n.	n. 93/9
Shell Transports	93/- b.	b. 85
Star Ferries	$ 86 b.	n. 34
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter	$ 2.55 n.	
Refineries		b. 285
China Sugar	$ 286 b. 284 sa.	b. 48 1/2 ex. 48
Malabon Sugar	$ 47 1/2 b. 50 s.	
Mining		n. 68/-
Kailan Mining Adm.	687/- n.	
Langkats	Comb. $21 n.	b. 29 s. 30
Shanghai Loans		
S'hai Explorations		n. 4.80
Raubs	$ 5 n.	b. 44/-
Tronoh Mines	44/- n.	
Ural Casp.	14 n.	
Benguet Con	P. 1.95 b.	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H. & K. Wharfs	$ 169 b.	s. 182
H. & W. Dock	$ 153 n.	b. 153
S'hai Docks	T 93 b. 94 sa.	b. 83 sa. 94
New Engineerings	T 6.60 n.	b. 5 1/2
H. K. Engineerings		
Shanghai Hongkews	T $187 1/2 b.	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.		(b. 86 New - 8 n.
H.K. & S'hai Hotels	$26 b. cum rts. New - 120)	
Hongkong Lands	$120 1/2 s. 121 sa.	n. 13-1/2
Humphreys	$ 24 n.	
Kowloon Lands	$ -	
Land Reclamations		n. 150
Praces Building	$150 b.	
H.K. Toria's	$1.30 s.	
Cotton Mills.		b. 11 1/2
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls 11.70 n.	
Kung Yiks		
Laou Kung Mows	T 5 b.	b. 5
Orientals	T 86 n. New $ 41 n.	b. 81 New n. 85
Shanghai Cottons		
Yangtsepoos		
Miscellaneous	$ 34 b. 34 sa. cum rts.	(s. 34 sa. 35 1/2 New b. ?
Cements	$ 14-1/2 n.	b. 18
China-Borneos	$ 34 n.	New b. 8
China Lights (Old)	$17 b. New 6 b. & sa.	b. 37 1/2 sa. 38 1/2 s.a. New b. 6
do. (New)	$ 25-1/2 b. & sa.	b. 23-1/2
China Providents	$ 30/51 sa.	n. 28 1/2
Dairy Farms	$ 86 b.	
H.K. Electrics		b. 7.15
Macao do.		b. 94 s. ex. b. 94 Ba. 96 n.
Hongkong and Canton Loan	67 n. cum all	b. 207
Hongkong Ropes	$ 86 3/4 b. 85 sa.	b. 154
Hongkong Tramways	$ 154 b.	b. 91
Peak Tramways (Old)	$ 91 b.	
Do. (New)	$ 91 n.	
Steam Laundries	$ -	
H.K. Steel Foundry	$ 154 b.	s. 160
Watertrade	$ 87 b.	b. 86
Watsons	$ 12 b. May 16 b.	
Wm. Powells	$ 19 b. 19/19.13 sa.	b. 19
Land Crowd'Ade	$ 7-1/2 b.	
Canton Ice	$ 7 b. 7 1/2 sa.	b. 7
H.K. Constructions		b. 22
Nanyang Tobacco	$ 154 b.	b. 13
Singers	$ 5 b.	
Macklintosh	$ 5 n.	n. 4.50
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ISSUED AND FULLY PAID UP $30,000,000
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SILVER ... $25,500,000
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Hongkong, February 28, 1924.

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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 14, 1922.

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Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 2,000,000

Working fund provided by THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE: Frs. 50,000,000.

BANKERS:
Paris: Societe Generale, Banque Nationale de Credit, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking & Exchange Business transacted. Correspondents throughout the world.

P. DURNERIN,
Manager.

31st March 1924.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m.	7.10 a.m.		
7.30 " to	9.30 "	Every 15 Minutes	
9.30 "	9.50 "	"	10 "
	9.50 "	"	Stopping
	9.57 "	"	Non Stop
	9.47 "	"	Stopping
	9.54 "	"	Non Stop
	9.04 "	"	Stopping
	9.11 "	"	Non Stop
	9.20 "	"	Stopping
9.30 a.m. to	11.00 a.m.	Every	10 Minutes
11.30 " "	12.30 p.m.	"	15 "
			Stopping
	12.40 "		Non Stop
	12.47 "		Stopping
	12.57 "		Non Stop
	1.04 "		Stopping
	1.15 "		Non Stop
	1.30 "		Stopping
1.30 p.m. to	4.00 p.m.	Every	10 Minutes
4.00 " "	6.30 "	"	15 "
4.30 " "	6.30 "	"	10 "
			Stopping
	6.40 "		Non Stop
	6.47 "		Stopping
	6.57 "		Non Stop
	7.04 "		Stopping
	7.13 "		Non Stop
	7.20 "		Stopping
	7.30 "		Non Stop
	7.37 "		Stopping
	7.47 "		Non Stop
	7.54 "		Stopping
	8.03 "		Non Stop
	8.10 "		Stopping

SUNDAYS

7.00 a.m.	7.10 a.m.		
7.20 " to	9.20 "	Every	15 Minutes
9.20 " "	11.00 "	"	20 "
11.15 " "	12.00 Noon	"	15 "
2.00 Noon "	1.00 p.m.	"	10 "
1.00 p.m. "	2.30 "	"	15 "
2.30 " "	4.30 "	"	10 "
4.30 " to	6.30 "	"	15 "
6.30 " "	6.40 "	"	10 "
			Stopping
	6.40 "		Non Stop
	6.47 "		Stopping
	6.57 "		Non Stop
	7.04 "		Stopping
	7.13 "		Non Stop
	7.20 "		Stopping
	7.30 "		Non Stop
	7.37 "		Stopping
	7.47 "		Non Stop
	7.54 "		Stopping
	8.03 "		Non Stop
	8.10 "		Stopping

SATURDAYS EXTRA CAR
12.00 Midnight.

NIGHTCARS: WEEKDAYS & SUNDAYS

8.40 p.m.	9.00 p.m.		
9.30 " to	11.00 "	Every	5 Minutes
11.15 " "	11.45 "	"	15 "
			Stopping

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By Arrangement at the Company's Office Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, June 1, 1923.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL ... $5,000,000.00
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KAN TONG FO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 8th 1924.

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HONGKONG BRANCH ESTABLISHED 1906.

Authorised Capital G. 150,000,000 £12,500,000
Paid-Up Capital ...G. 80,000,000 £ 6,666,670
Reserve Fund ...G. 19,742,180 £ 1,647,430
Special Reserves...G. 22,660,000 £ 1,888,330

HEAD OFFICE:—Amsterdam.
EASTERN HEAD OFFICE:—Batavia.

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Bandjermasin	Bandoeng	Bombay
Calcutta	Cheribon	Djember
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Kota-Radja	Makassar	Medan
Padang	Palembang	Pecalongan
Penang	Pontianak	Rangoon
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BANKING BUSINESS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

J. J. SVAARGAARD,
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Hongkong, January 2, 1924.

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Capital Subscribed ...Yen 60,000,000
Capital (Paid-up) ...Yen 52,500,000
Reserve Fund ...Yen 12,980,000

HEAD OFFICE:
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S. KONDOH,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH,
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Hongkong, September 15, 1923.

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中國銀行

(Specially Authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917).

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Paid-up Capital ... $12,278,600.00
Reserve Fund ... $ 9,639,425.24

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Special facilities for Home Exchange.

H. SUYEN, Esq.,
Manager.

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T. H. MAI,
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Authorised Capital ... $2,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... $1,000,000.00

Managing Director—T. K. Ho, Esq.
Chief Manager—Wong Kang Shaw, Esq.
Sub-Manager—Chan Kwai, Esq.

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current, Savings and Fixed Deposits now received at rates which may be ascertained on application.

T. K. HO,
Chairman.

Hongkong, March 20th, 1924.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital ... £2,000,000
Reserve Fund ... £2,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors ... £2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 8, 1923.

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HEAD OFFICE:
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Subscribed Capital ... Frs. 72,000,000
Paid Up Capital ... Frs. 68,400,000
Reserve Fund ... Frs. 59,647,368.42

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Haiphong	Peking	Tourane
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Yunnanfu
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

A. LECOT,
Manager.

Hongkong, March 20, 1924.

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HEAD OFFICE
HONGKONG.

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ARRIVALS.

Haiyang, (Yuen Seng Fat) from Saigon.—West Point.

City of York, (Bank Line) from Shanghai.—A2.

Sicilia, (P. & O.) from Shanghai.—A4.

Luchow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Amoy.—B12.

Bandoeng Maru, (Nanyo Y. K.) from Balikpapan.—A29.

Macassar Maru, (Nanyo Y. K.) Moji, Dairen.—B24.

Capt. Faure, (M. M. Cie) from Saigon.—A30.

Lorestan, (Nemazee) from Saigon.—B14.

Woosang, (J. M. & Co.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—Co.'s

Paling Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Swatow.—City.

Pres. McKinley, (A. O. Line) from Manila.—Taikoo Dock.

Tjikembang, (J. C. J. L.) from Shanghai.—A6.

DEPARTURES.

Haihong, (Douglas & Co.) for Foochow, Swatow.—March 28.

Loksang, (J. M. & Co.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—March 28.

Sicilia, (P. & O.) for Bombay, Singapore.—March 28.

Genoa Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Singapore.—March 28.

Sekino Maru, (Y. K. K.) for Tamsui.—March 28.

Warima, (B. I. S. N.) for Bangkok.—March 28.

Luchow, (B. & S.) for Amoy.—March 28.

Capt. Faure, (M. M. Cie) for Shanghai.—March 28.

Cochinchine, (Kai Yu) for Keelung.—March 28.

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WEATHER REPORT.

March 28d. 11h. 47m.—Pressure has increased slightly from Wladivostock to Chefoo and decreased slightly from Shanghai to Formosa. It is nearly stationary over Indo-China and the Philippines.

The anticyclone now appears to be central over N.E. China.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast and moderate monsoon over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0·00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.69 inches, against an average of 5.81 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on March 29, 1924.

1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong, moderating; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. N.E. winds, strong, moderating; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

3.—Hongkong to Cap Rock, NE. winds, strong, moderating; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. winds, strong, moderating; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

MARCH 28, 1924.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind Direction.	Wind Force.	Weather.	Rain in last 24 hours.
Vladivostock	8 a.	30.10	22	—	N	2	b	—
Nemuro	8 a.	—	—	—	...	...	—	—
Hakodate	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Fokin	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Ohshima	"	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Naha	"	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Ishijima	"	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Formosa Island	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Chefoo	8 a.	30.32	28	79	...	0	b	—
Hankow	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Ichang	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Changsha	"	...	—	—	...	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30.20	45	71	N	2	o	—
Gutzlaff	"	30.24	46	69	ENE	6	o	—
Sharp Pk.	7 a.	30.07	58	87	NW	2	b	—
Amoy	9 a.	30.00	61	83	N	1	o	—
Swatow	8	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Taihoku	8	30.00	63	80	N	4	o	—
Taichu	"	30.00	57	—	...	0	b	—
Tainan	"	29.99	59	—	NE	2	b	—
Koshun	"	29.99	68	—	NE	6	o	—
Pescadores	"	30.00	63	—	ENE	4	o	—
Canton	8	—	—	—	...	—	—	—
Hongkong	"	29.97	62	71	N	5	o	—
Cap Rock	"	29.96	—	—	ENE	5	o	—
Macao	"	29.94	63	80	N	4	o	—
Wuchow	9 a.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hothow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phulien	7 a.	29.86	72	100	N	4	rf	—
Foursne	"	29.87	73	...	NE	4	bf	—
C. St. James	"	29.51	75	—	ENE	6	o	—
Aparri	8 a.	29.93	72	—	NE	4	o	—
Dagupan	"	29.93	73	83	ENE	6	o	—
Manila	"	29.83	77	76	N	2	o	—
Legaspi	"	29.89	79	80	N	2	o	—
Tacloban	"	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	"	29.79	75	88	N	4	b	—
Surigao	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	4.20	29.80	...	—	NE	2	o	—
Yap	4.47	29.78	—	—	ENE	4	o	—
Labuan	8 a.	29.80	78	84	N	4	b	—

Hongkong Observatory, March 28, 1924.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation (the humidity of air saturated at moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, detached cloud, d drizzling rain, fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squall, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, wsh.

7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day at 7 p.m.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 1 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	29.97	29.93
Temperature	64	62	66
Humidity	60	71	70
Direction of Wind	N	N	N
Force	5	5	5
Weather	c	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest shade Temperature on the 27th—68
Lowest shade temperature on the 28th—62

T. F. CRAIG, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, March 28, 1924.

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"GLAUCUS"	14th Apr.	London, Rotterdam and Hamburg
"SARPEDON"	22nd Apr.	Marseilles, London & Rotterdam

LIVERPOOL SERVICE

(Direct or via Continental Ports)

"PERSEUS"	1st Apr.	M'lles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ALCINOUS"	20th Apr.	Genoa, M'lles, Liverpool & Glasgow
"TEUCER"	1st May	M'lles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

PACIFIC SERVICE

(via Kobe and Yokohama)

"PHILOCTETES"	9th Apr.	Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver.
"TYNDAREUS"	8th May	

NEW YORK SERVICE

(via Suez or Panama)

"ATREUS"	11th Apr.	via Suez and Boston.
"KEEMUN"	1st May	via Suez and Boston.
"CANFA"	21st May	via Suez and Boston.

PASSENGER SERVICE

"SARPEDON"	22nd Apr.	Singapore, Marseilles & London
"PATROCLUS"	19th May	for Singapore, Marseilles & London
"MENTOR"	16th June	for Singapore & London
"ANCHISES"	14th July	for Singapore, Marseilles & London
"SARPEDON"	13th Sept.	for Singapore, Marseilles & London

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From	Per
SATURDAY, MARCH 29.	
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln
EUROPE via Negapatam (Letters only London 28th Feb.)	Glenshane
SUNDAY, MARCH 30.	
U.S.A., Canada Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jackson
MONDAY, MARCH 31.	
U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Adam
EUROPE via Negapatam (Papers only, London 18th Feb.)	Rhesus
TUESDAY, APRIL 1.	
Straits	Howra

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Times
FRIDAY, MARCH 28.		
Wuchow and Samshui	Kwong Hung	4 p.m.
Formosa	Siam	4.30 p.m.
Haiphong	New Mathilde	5 p.m.
Hothow and Pakhoi	Yan On	5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Chung Hing	5 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 29.		
Amoy	Japan	8 a.m.
Manila	Suisang	10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 29th Apr. Registration 10.45 a.m. Letters 11.30 a.m.	City of York	
Java via Batavia	Tjikembang	3 p.m.
Manila, *Singapore, *Colombo, *Suez, and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg.	Albert Vogler	3 p.m.
Shanghai	Resolute	4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hothow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Haiou	5 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 30.		
Java via Batavia	Macassar Maru	8.30 a.m.
Hothow and Haiphong	Lessang	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & *EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 18th Apr. Parcels 29th 5 p.m. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	President McKinley	
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES,—due Marseilles 30th April. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Porthos	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Amakusa Maru	9 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 31.		
Japan	Bandoeng Maru	10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Kwelyang	2.30 p.m.
Straits and Suez	Merlenes	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Hanyang	5 p.m.
Amoy	Suiyang	5 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 1.		
Swatow and Bangkok	Hopsang	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Noon.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	1 p.m.
Amoy	Taming	2.30 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Hutchow	2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Woosang	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Soochow	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2.		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Noon.
Straits and Calcutta	Fooksang	1 p.m.
Swatow	Kwelyang	1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via Vancouver B.C.—due Vancouver B.C. 21st April and Europe via Siberia (Correspondence specially superscribed "via Siberia" only). Parcels for Canada only.—Apr. 2nd 5 p.m. Registration 9.10 a.m. Letters 10 A.M.	Empress of Russia	
THURSDAY, APRIL 3.		
Manila, *Singapore, and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Perthia	5 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 4.		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles —due Marseilles 2nd May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	Rhyndam	
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Haitong	Noon.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The H.S.L.s.s. "Albert Vogler" will arrive here to-morrow at 8-0 a.m.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. McKinley" which arrived from Manila on Mar. 27 will sail for Victoria and Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, at 4 a.m. on Mar. 31.

The B. F. s.s. "Helenus" left Liverpool on Mar. 2 for Straits, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on or about Apr. 7.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Atsuta Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Mar. 7 and is expected here on Apr. 6.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress" of Australia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports and Shanghai on Mar. 20 and is due here on Apr. 10.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" which is due at this port on Apr. 11, sailed from Seattle on Mar. 21 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Patroclus" left Liverpool on Mar. 14 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Chefoo, Takao and Dairen and is due here on or about April 14.

The D.S.L. s.s. "Pres. Harrison" which left this port on February 6, sailed from Marseilles for Bofkje on March 15 on schedule.

The H.S.L. s.s. "Adolf" was 7 days from Europe is due here on or about Apr. 12.

The B.F.s.s. "Automedon" left Liverpool on Mar. 21 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about Apr. 25.

The B.F.s.s. "Themens" left Liverpool on Mar. 23 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Henkow and is due here on or about Apr. 28.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Sicilia" remaining undelivered after April 1, will be subject to rent. Agents:—Johs. Manners & Co., Ltd.

A very pretty spring wedding was celebrated last Saturday afternoon in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, which was effectively decorated with blossoming boughs, when Miss Violet Baxter Dewar, daughter of Captain and Mrs. John Dewar, became the bride of Mr. Albert Edward Green, son of Mr. E. G. Green of Ardmore, Sudbury, England. The Very Rev. Dean Symons performed the ceremony, which was fully choral, with Mr. Young at the organ.

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